



November 17, 2025

Mayor John Stephens, City Council, and Fairview Park Master Planning Team
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SUBJECT: Comments on the Fairview Park Master Plan Update

Dear Honorable Mayor, Councilmembers, Fairview Park staff, and Master Plan consultants:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2025 Fairview Park Master Plan Update. Coastal Corridor Alliance (CCA) is making some general recommendations on Plan efficacy, particularly related to preserving the native habitats that exist at the Park.

We have listed each comment by **Page #** and **Context**, followed by our comment, question, or response, and a **Recommendation** if we have one. Direct quotes from the Master Plan are quoted and in italics.

We hope our substantive comments help create a great final draft of this pivotal planning document for Costa Mesa's beloved nature park.

General Comments

General Comment 1: Rename the Site to Fairview Nature Preserve

The word 'Park' does not represent the designation of the site as a place for restoring natural habitats and low-impact human activities. To reduce confusion and give people a better idea of

what the nature of the place is, please rename Fairview Park to **Fairview Nature Preserve** or **Fairview Nature Park**.

General Comment 2: Add a Conservation Easement Protection for the West Side Habitats.

While portions of the site are protected under a conservation easement, many of the most sensitive habitats are not protected in this way. The vernal pools are federally protected sensitive habitat, but are not under the protection of a conservation easement. Please add this permanent protection across the west side of the Park, which will make possible uses more clear, qualify the land for California's 30x30 initiative, and increase funding availability for future restoration work.

General Comment 3: Increase Funding for Better Enforcement and Staffing.

To manage the goals of this and previous Master Plans well, it **will require additional funding**. We ask the City to allocate what is needed for a well-managed, well-staffed nature park.

General Comment 4: Include the consultants' recommendation matrix and the Fairview Park Steering Committee (FPSC) and Parks and Community Services (PACS) Commission recommendations as attachments to the Master Plan.

General Comment 5: CCA's position on the 25 Consultant Recommendations (See Attachment 1).

The City consultants compiled a matrix of 25 recommendations for the site, which the FPSC and PACS Commission have responded to. CCA has added our recommendations to this matrix, found in Attachment 1 of this letter.

In summary, our recommendations include:

- Full support for consultant recommendations: 1-3, 5, 7-9, 11-13, 18, 21-24.
- Full support for FPSC's amended recommendations: 4, 6, 10, 15-17, 19-20.
- Support with amendments:
 - **14:** Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs to protect natural resources and public safety, **using natural materials only**.
 - **25:** Modify and refine the name of the Fairview Park site to a more nature-oriented name, such as "**Fairview Nature Preserve**" or "Fairview Nature Park" to reflect the

site's exceptional natural resources, significant conservation value, and lasting legacy as Costa Mesa's premier natural open space asset.

Chapter 01 - Introduction

Executive Summary, Pg. 7

CCA supports the descriptions of target park uses of:

"...restoring and preserving the park as an environmental resource for study, interpretation, and education as well as passive recreation and a range of compatible public uses. These include walking and jogging trails, picnicking, wildlife viewing and nature exploration, unique hobbyist activities and other low-impact activities that connect community residents to the natural environment."

Executive Summary, Pg. 7 / Whole document

We'd like to see 'passive' and 'active' be abandoned due to their being open to wide interpretations. Change the wording from '**passive recreation**' to '**low impact activities.**' Then, define 'low impact activities' here and throughout the document to be more specific. It would be defined as '**human activities that have low impact to ecological and/or cultural features.**' This phrase is more descriptive to include the impacts that should be avoided. Activities at Fairview Park should be least disruptive to ecosystem function and historical cultural resources and present day cultural engagements.

Recommendation: Complete a global change in the use of the phrase "passive recreation" and make it "low impact activities."

Executive Summary, Pg.7

CCA supports the goal of the Master Plan Update as a long term general management plan which *"...safeguards cultural resources and conserves biological resources, including the essential vernal pool habitat..."* *"...ensuring future generations have the same opportunity to enjoy this beloved and unique place."*

Executive Summary: Critical Themes and Initiatives, Pg. 8

This is a key point: *"[With] 6.5 miles of trails the park has one of the highest trail densities in the region"*

Recommendation: Consider highlighting this in a graphic or table comparison of other regional nature parks.

Executive Summary: Regulatory Protections and Resource Management, Pg. 10

We appreciate the care that went into listing the framework of regulatory protections, but believe two more items should be included.

Recommendation: Consider making this a bullet list of laws or a full page graphic; incorporate “including, but not limited to” in the list; add the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA); add Costa Mesa’s Conservation Element.

Executive Summary, Pg. 10

Recommendation: “Prevent further damage to cultural **and ecological** resources through site management.”

Executive Summary, Key Findings from Community Engagement, Pg. 10 & 11

Recommendation: Please include the mentioned Appendix A.

Executive Summary, Key Findings from Community Engagement / Conflicting Opinions on Recreational Activities, Pg. 11

“These conflicting viewpoints indicate the need for careful balancing of recreational activities with conservation priorities in the Master Plan Update and application of regulatory requirements.”

Recommendation: Change to: “Careful evaluation of the ecological impacts, conservation priorities, and regulatory requirements of these activities have been carried out by contracted professionals for this Master Plan.”

Recommendation: Remove duplicate page 10 content, keep page 11 content.

“Restore and Enhance Habitat. *Implement 80 acres of habitat restoration and 14.5 acres of habitat enhancement to support native plants and wildlife, remove artificial fill where feasible, and improve ecological health and biodiversity over the long term.”*

Recommendation: Add to the beginning of this paragraph: *“Implement habitat restoration and enhancement on all undeveloped areas currently occupied by degraded soil or invasive species, including 80 acres...”*

Key Findings from Community Engagement / Recommendations, Pg. 11

The CA Department of Fish and Wildlife letter dated September 25, 2025 was clear that the fly field impacts are not “potential,” they are direct, indirect, and cumulative. This language implies

status quo when the agencies have been clear about the impacts and risks to the City to maintain the flyfield as is.

“Manage Recreational Impacts: *Coordinate with organized user groups (i.e. model gliders and trains) to allow the continuation of designated uses while mitigating potential environmental impacts. In accordance with Resource Agency recommendations, relocate the model glider flying field with the goal of reducing ongoing impacts to sensitive biological resources.”*

Recommendations: Remove ‘potential’ environmental impacts. Additionally, we recommend the City/Parks staff come up with official rubric and designations of which activities have high, medium, and low impacts for their intended areas.

Goals & Objectives, Pg. 12

We support the four goals listed.

Recommendations: Please change ‘passive’ to ‘low ecological impact’ here and throughout the document.

Outreach Summary, Pg. 17 - 19

CCA agrees with or supports:

- Removing the dirt mound (and all improper fill)
- Incorporating fencing to enhance trail definition and habitat protection
- Including signage, such as: ecological education signs, multilingual signs
 - **Recommendation:** include a provision in the Master Plan to potentially integrate signage design with a larger trail network including adjacent open space lands.
- Incorporating ADA accessibility
- Ensuring nature play area only in lawn area
- Limiting the Museum / Field House to non-environmentally sensitive locations
- Keeping all bikes on paved paths only
- Making the use of e-bikes illegal in the park or if allowed, set and enforce a speed limit
- Adhering to the agency’s findings and recommendations regarding glider activity
- Implementing boardwalk restoration and elevated trails
- Increasing park ranger and staffing resources
- Allowing for a staff-run grow space / native plant nursery on site

- Integrating City teen and kid programs with Fairview Park Staff activities, volunteer, and educational activities, etc.

CCA opposes:

- Adding BMX riding of the dirt mounds as it directly conflicts with the removal of the fill material

Chapter 02 - Existing Planning Conditions

Pg. 21

CCA is opposed to the lowlands shared parking lot concept as it introduces considerable impacts that are in conflict with the City's stated goals.

Pg. 28

CCA supports the descriptions and intentions of the General Plan elements outlined here, including future Open Space and Recreation Element updates classifying Fairview Park as an ecological preserve.

Recommendation: Place a conservation easement over the West side of the Park, excluding the lawn area.

Chapter 03 - Existing Site Conditions

Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Pg. 40

Support for protecting Tribal cultural resources by closing social trails with fences or other semi-permanent barriers, including but not limited to revegetation by native plant species.

Grasslands, Pg. 45

All steps must be taken to prevent local / regional extinction of the species that only remain in Fairview Park: *"Fairview Park supports the only Orange County population of several of these rare species."*

Chapter 04 - Opportunities & Constraints

Constraints / Vernal Pools, Pg. 57

Recommendation: Adhere to and incorporate the rules and designations of the resource agencies as planning guidance and constraints.

Habitat Restoration, Pg. 60

We concur with this statement: *"The most significant threats to sensitive biological resources in Fairview Park come from human actions that destroy, degrade, and fragment the park's natural communities."* Our recommendations align with maintaining lower impact activities at Fairview.

Chapter 05 - Design Objectives

Objectives / Public Use, Pg. 64

We agree with all objectives, but note:

- **Objective 2** should acknowledge more funding is needed.
- **Objectives 3 and 4:** While we understand many decisions have been made regarding uses at Fairview Park, should those uses be found to cause harm, violate the law, or increase liability/risk for the City—they should be re-evaluated at regular intervals, as new information is available each year. As stated publicly before, CCA supports the resource agencies' positions on reducing impacts to sensitive habitats, mainly vernal pools and their associated watersheds.
- **Objective 3, List Item 3, and Objective 4 List Item 1:** As a partner with the City using the park, ensure HSS absorbs any future costs the City would otherwise incur for continued use. The group itself should be responsible for the costs associated with the activity since it has very low participation, brings additional environmental liabilities, and doesn't align with the intended uses of the site.

Objectives / Cultural and Tribal Cultural Restoration, Pg. 65

CCA supports all six objectives.

West of Placentia Avenue, Pg. 69-72

Existing Park Improvements

We discourage planting additional trees so as not to create bird nesting and perch space outside of habitat for birds foraging / hunting in habitat. Doing this would create an imbalance of a few bird species.

We encourage the City to develop and adopt a native plant palette for use at Fairview Park. Then, when planting or replacing trees anywhere in the Park, including the developed lawn area, this plant palette is approved already.

Central Interpretive Area

Support for the location, purpose, and description of the interpretive area. Please use only natural materials.

Glider Launch Site

We agree with the natural resource agencies that the existing location of glider launching has detrimental impacts on the environment. We support adhering to the guidance and recommendations of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and US Fish and Wildlife Service. From the CDFW letter dated September 25, 2025, "CDFW strongly supports relocation of the model airplane flyfield, as its continued operation in the vernal pool complex is in **direct conflict** with preservation and management of this important park feature." (emphasis added) We also concur with the recommendations of the Fairview Park Steering Committee and Parks and Community Services Commission in this regard.

Vernal pools, Archaeological site, Trail delineation, Access to Talbert Nature Preserve

We agree with the plans outlined.

Bluff Erosion and Access

Please do not use plastic geoweb or other materials that degrade harmful chemicals into the environment for erosion control or any other purpose at the park.

Coastal Bluff, Mesa Restoration

Support for all, including fill removal.

Northwestern Lowlands / Sandbar Willow... 2nd paragraph, Pg. 74

"Vegetation...frequently obstructs flow between ponds, reducing conveyance below design levels. To address this, the City annually removes emergent vegetation..."

Recommendation: We support structural improvements to reduce ongoing maintenance costs and issues with the system.

Trail Map, Pg. 75

We prefer keeping the canyon trail closed as habitat has rebounded and covered the trail during its closure. CCA prefers not to have middle mesa cut-through trail bisecting habitat due to fragmentation and species impacts. Having a core habitat area supports local species and improves ecosystem functionality.

Habitat Restoration & Enhancement, Pg. 78

We agree with the description of Costa Mesa's role as stewards, the representation of community intent, and all goals listed. We appreciate the use of 'low-impact' recreation here, instead of 'passive' recreation. We hope this language will be adopted consistently throughout the Plan.

Other Management Opportunities, Pg. 81

CCA supports the potential for City managed, site-wide ongoing invasive plant and animal management. That said, more funding is needed.

CCA believes a potential partnership with the City, CCA, and OCME could exist. Its focus would be to accomplish Other Management Opportunity 4, for invasive removal, grow space establishment, and native planting in/among the model railroad area, to include education for Park and train visitors on native habitats and restoration.

Strategic Habitat Restoration Project Opportunities, Pg. 82-85

Support all of Project 1, except in Objectives 1f and 1g, please do not use synthetic polymers or resin binding agents in trail materials, or plastic fiber glass (trex) materials for the boardwalk that will break down petroleum products and chemical byproducts into the habitat. Further, we support all of Projects 2-9 and provide special support for Objectives 6d and 7a.

Existing Fill Soil Removal, Pg. 87

Support for the removal of improper fill, and restoration of habitat on native soil.

Erosion Control Measures, Pg. 89-90

Support for taking measures to stem human-accelerated erosion. However, please do not use plastic materials, including vinyl, as these materials do not biodegrade and will break down into smaller and smaller pieces, out into the ambient environment, the watershed, the ocean, and ultimately in the bodies of plants and animals. Please avoid plastic in all work and program elements.

Recommendation: Consider building a wood structure that functions the same, and will biodegrade after reinforcing root systems are established.

Proposed or Modified Drainage Patterns, Pg. 91

Support for developing riparian habitat in the drainage area.

Question: Where will water go at the end of the drainage system? Can it go back to the Greenville-Banning Channel?

Security, Pg. 92

Support for not adding more security lighting and if it is required, to meet Dark Sky requirements to reduce nighttime impacts to wildlife.

Recommendation: Please ensure security lighting at the train station and maintenance yard complies with Dark Sky and pollinator friendly lighting: motion sensing, semi-dim amber lights with hoods at the top to direct light downward.

Chapter 07 - Implementation

Design Guidelines, Pg. 96, 98

Support for all recommendations with the following caveats on **page 98**:

- **Benches:** consider all-concrete benches with eco-friendly mixtures without sealants or binders prone to outgassing. If stained wood, please use Zero-VOC, petroleum free products.
- **Lighting (all):** Please apply all Dark Sky standards (see previous comment).

- **Materials:** Prefer non-toxic concrete to asphalt, avoid chemical-stabilized DG, and composite materials for boardwalks. Use natural materials which do not disrupt ecosystems.

Trail Map, Pg. 97

Please remove/decommission the Canyon Trail. It has grown over with native habitat during its closure, and adjacent trails offer great alternatives. CCA prefers not to have the trail cutting through the middle of the mesa loop, to keep habitat contiguity and create a core habitat zone with limited fragmentation.

Site Activity and Uses Map, Pg. 99

CCA supports the dense planting recommendations to help trail delineation. We oppose additional tree planting. If the City must plant more trees, we recommend choosing native trees. The proposed Pollinator Garden should contain native plants only.

Pg. 100

Park Structures

CCA supports developing the East side grow space and maintenance & storage facility.

Entrance

CCA hopes for invasive species control and replacement of ornamentals with native plants.

Parking Lots

Donated trees should be locally native-only, but kept at a minimum as too many trees outside of habitat can upset ecological balance at this site.

Removal of Improper Fill Soils

We support fill removal and re-vegetation with native plant communities.

CCA supports the 2025 Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update as an excellent update to the existing Fairview Park Master Plans. It properly builds upon the existing foundation, while updating plans with updated scientific understanding. We agree with the many entities, scientists, Tribes, committees, residents, adopted City plans, and State and Federal resource agencies and laws, who prove the ecological importance of the site. The habitats should be

protected as a first priority, and high-impact human activities should be strictly prohibited in high value ecological areas.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter. We appreciate the extensive work provided on this document and hope the Council supports ensuring the unique species that call this area home are supported appropriately through implementable and actionable items. Should you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry M. Welsh".

Terry M. Welsh, MD
President

From: [Laura M. Van de Merghele](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: [SPAM] I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 4:08:45 PM

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

As someone who enjoys riding my bike throughout Fairview Park, it concerns me that the current draft of the Fairview Master Plan will change the way residents of Costa Mesa and the surrounding community will interact with the park. I do not support the current draft of the Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, concerts at the park, bicycle and dog walking trail access, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad, and direct staff to work with resource agencies and HSS together and promptly on a mitigation approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community's intent behind Measure AA and preserve the park's existing open and shared character. An exclusionary master plan update for the purpose of securing future grant funding or satisfying one special interest group should be avoided.

Fairview Park should stay a shared space that protects wildlife and maintains open space for all people, families, and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public record for the November 18, 2025, city council meeting.

Thank you,

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Subject: DRAFT FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE, COSTA MESA, CA

Dear Brenda Green:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update (Plan) and associated technical reports from the City of Costa Mesa (City). Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations to the City Council regarding those activities that may affect California fish and wildlife. Likewise, CDFW appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding those aspects of the Plan that CDFW, by law, may be required to carry out or approve through the exercise of its own regulatory authority under the Fish and Game Code.

CDFW ROLE

CDFW is California's Trustee Agency for fish and wildlife resources and holds those resources in trust by statute for all the people of the State, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines¹ (Fish & Game Code, §§ 711.7, subd. (a) & 1802; Pub. Resources Code, § 21070; CEQA Guidelines § 15386, subd. (a)). CDFW, in its trustee capacity, has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (Fish & G. Code, § 1802). Similarly, for purposes of CEQA, CDFW is charged by law to provide, as available, biological expertise during public agency environmental review efforts, focusing specifically on projects and related activities that have the potential to adversely affect fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW may also act as a Responsible Agency under CEQA. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069; CEQA Guidelines, § 15381). CDFW expects that it may need to exercise regulatory authority as provided by the Fish and Game Code. As proposed, for example, the Project may be subject to CDFW's lake and streambed alteration regulatory authority (Fish & G. Code, § 1600 *et seq.*). Likewise, to the extent

¹ CEQA is codified in the California Public Resources Code in section 21000 *et seq.* The "CEQA Guidelines" are found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with section 15000.

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implementation of the Project as proposed may result in “take” as defined by State law² of any species protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA; Fish & G. Code, § 2050 et seq.) or the Native Plant Protection Act (NPPA; Fish & G. Code, §1900 et seq.), the City may seek related take authorization as provided by the Fish and Game Code.

CDFW also administers the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) program, a California regional habitat conservation planning program (Fish & G. Code, § 2800 et seq.). The City is a participating landowner under the Central/Coastal Orange County NCCP/Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

PLAN DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Objective: According to the Fairview Park Master Plan Update (Plan), the essential purpose of updating the Plan is to reflect the vested interests of the community and the City to balance resource protection and public use. The Plan update aims to address critical needs for a Long-term Management Plan that conserves cultural and biological resources, including rare vernal pool habitats. It outlines goals to protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources through community education, stewardship, and management of the park for passive recreational uses (i.e. walking, running, walking of leashed dogs, flying glider planes, model railroading, flying kites, picnics, and other small group functions). From a natural resources perspective, the Plan will incorporate updated biological assessments with an assessment of current land uses considering recent changes in state environmental regulations/policies. It will be a foundational document for planning, habitat restoration, wetland and riparian habitat remediation, and long-term habitat management. A Trails Plan will also be adopted in association with the Plan.

Location: Fairview Park is in the City, and its address is 2525 Placentia Avenue. It is bordered by residential areas to the north and east, Talbert Regional Park to the south, and the Santa Ana River to the west. The park itself is bisected by Placentia Avenue, which runs north/south.

Biological Setting: The regional biological significance of Fairview Park cannot be overstated. The Park is the northernmost parcel of a rare, contiguous undeveloped natural open space, which stretches from Fairview Park southward through Talbert Regional Park and terminates at the Randall Preserve. The 208-acre, topographically diverse Park contains a multitude of habitat types and micro-habitats, including one of the last coastal terrace vernal pools complexes in Orange County (USFWS 2007) on its mesa. Vernal pools in Fairview Park also support several plant species that are locally rare (City 2008 and Chung 2010). The artificial ponds in the lowlands provide nesting and foraging habitat for riparian species. Other natural and sensitive habitats include

² “Take” is defined in Section 86 of the Fish and Game Code as “hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.”

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native grasslands, coastal bluff scrub, alluvial scrub, riparian woodlands, and coastal sage scrub. These habitats serve as foraging and reproductive habitat, providing refugia for many sensitive species in an otherwise developed watershed. Approximately 12-acres of the Park are landscaped.

According to the Biological Technical Report (BTR; Hamilton Biological 2025), 222 vascular plants and over 262 wildlife species have been documented in the Park, a remarkable number of flora and fauna for an area with just under 200 acres of habitat. Several listed species have been observed on site or have high or moderate potential to occur on site which include:

Invertebrates

- San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*; Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed endangered),
- Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*; CESA Candidate for Threatened or Endangered Listing; CBB),

Birds

- Coastal California gnatcatcher [*Poliioptila californica californica*; ESA- listed threatened; CDFW Species of Special Concern (SSC); gnatcatcher],
- Least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*; ESA-listed endangered; CESA-listed endangered; vireo),
- White-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus*; CDFW Fully Protected Species),
- Belding's Savannah sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi*; CESA-listed endangered),
- Western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*; SSC; CESA Candidate for Threatened or Endangered Listing),
- Coastal cactus wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus sandiegonensis*; SSC),
- Coopers hawk (*Astur cooperii*; SSC),

Plants

- San Diego button celery (*Eryngium aristulatum var. parishii*; CESA-listed Endangered, California Native Plant Society Rare Plant Rank 1B.1), and,
- Southern tarplant (*Centromadia parryi ssp. australis*; California Native Plant Society Rare Plant Rank 1B.1).

Prior CDFW Engagement: CDFW has a long history of engaging with the City on natural resources matters at Fairview Park, most notably vernal pool complex management issues, historic violations, and ongoing impacts to areas subject to Fish and Game Code 1600 et seq. Additionally, fulfillment of outstanding mitigation obligations regarding compensatory mitigation obligations at Fairview Park for off-site projects with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and the Department of Toxic Substances Control continue to languish and remain incomplete (OCTA 2018 and CDFW 2019). While we appreciate that our working partnership appears to be gradually improving, our attempts to

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partner with the City on these outstanding issues have been largely ineffective. As outlined below, many of these obligations are incomplete or their status is unknown.

In 2014, CDFW partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to provide comments on vernal pool restoration after the installation of a path in the Park that was routed within and adjacent to vernal pools occupied by the federally endangered San Diego fairy shrimp (USFWS 2014). Impacts to these pools from the installation of paths and parking areas, improvements to Estancia High School stadium, and the operation of motorized vehicles during the wet season were mitigated through restoration efforts at pools 2, 5, 6, and 7 (Glen Lukos Associates 2015). It is unclear to CDFW and the USFWS (hereafter referred to as the Wildlife Agencies) as to whether the stated mitigation and restoration efforts were achieved in full.

In 2016, CDFW investigated the City's fill of Little Canyon as a possible violation of Fish and Game Code, section 1602, when soil stockpiles from the artificial pond creation were used to fill Little Canyon for purposes of trail creation and realignment. CDFW concluded the unauthorized activities were subject to Fish and Game Code; however, the statute of limitations to issue a Notice of Violation had passed and no action was taken (City 2015).

In 2018, the City contacted CDFW regarding clearing of vegetation in and around the artificial pond complex during the nesting season for coastal California gnatcatcher. At that time, CDFW communicated that a Routine Maintenance Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) per our Lake and Streambed Alteration program was required to move forward with the clearing. To date the City does not have a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement to authorize the work in those areas (Comment 3). On October 8, 2025, after CDFW issued a comment letter on the Plan Update's technical documents (CDFW 2025), the City and CDFW met to discuss the City's progress regarding their Incomplete notification for a Routine Maintenance LSAA. In that meeting, the City reaffirmed their commitment to providing a complete notification for their LSAA in early 2026.

In 2019, the Wildlife Agencies and OCTA met with the City several times to discuss their outstanding mitigation obligations to OCTA and ACOE (OCTA 2018). Since our comment letter on the Plan Update's technical documents (CDFW 2025) was issued, the City has adopted the Flower Fields Restoration Project, which will restore habitat and satisfy outstanding mitigation obligations to OCTA (Comment 7).

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CDFW offers the comments and recommendations below to assist the City in finalizing the Plan and strengthening the stated goals; namely, aligning the existing Plan with current biological assessments, land uses, and environmental regulations and policies, while adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Plan's significant, or potentially significant, direct and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife (biological) resources.

1. **Fly Field Relocation.** In alignment with the Wildlife Agencies' recommendation, and the recommendations of many other natural resources-focused entities, the fly field

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relocation represents a well-considered and balanced approach to habitat protection and recreation. CDFW strongly supports the relocation because it places fly field and glider operations within an already developed and actively used recreation area, well separated from the highly rare and sensitive vernal pool complex. This will substantially reduce the potential for unauthorized trail creation, fully avoid vernal pool habitat degradation, and minimize likelihood unauthorized take of state and/or federally listed species that reside on the Mesa.

The relocation and reduced maintenance activities within the vernal pool complex are a proactive step toward long-term species and habitat protection, regulatory compliance, and responsible recreation planning; this is in part because the Plan commits to restoring vernal pools and removing fill soils from the northern part of the Mesa. A portion of the Mesa restoration will include coastal sage scrub and flower fields to fulfill mitigation obligations, improve conditions for native wildlife, and reinforce the City's commitment to the Master Plan (at pp. 71, City of Costa Mesa, 2025). Importantly, the Plan's objectives for *Strategic Habitat Restoration Project 1. Mesa Habitat Restoration and Indigenous Village Site Protection* (pp. 82, City of Costa Mesa, 2025) specifically call for elimination of incompatible uses such as mowing within the vernal pool complex. Relocation of the fly field directly supports these objectives by removing maintenance activities that currently threaten and degrade sensitive vernal pool habitat.

2. **CESA Candidate Species.** CDFW emphasizes that the fly field relocation is the biologically superior option and represents a dramatically lower regulatory burden for the City, in that impacts to CESA-listed and CESA candidate species would be smaller, and mitigation requirements associated with authorized incidental take would be significantly lower. Additionally, relocation would avoid the necessity to notify CDFW under Fish and Game Code section 1600 *et seq.* and avoid the need for consultation with the USFWS for San Diego fairy shrimp. However, based on recent survey data brought to CDFW's attention, operation and maintenance of the fly field in its new location may still require take authorization under CESA.
 - a. Western burrowing owl. According to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB, Online Field Survey Form), there is a 2020 occurrence record of a western burrowing owl adjacent to the proposed fly field. Creation, use, and maintenance of the new fly field location may disturb, distress, or lead to take of individual western burrowing owls.

On October 15, 2024, the Fish and Game Commission published a Notice of Findings that designates western burrowing owl as a CESA candidate species. As a candidate species, western burrowing owls are granted full protection of a threatened or endangered species under CESA. If any activities could result in take, appropriate CESA authorization (i.e., Incidental Take Permit under Fish and Game Code section 2081 or Restoration Management Permit under Fish and Game Code section 1670 *et seq.*) should be obtained prior to commencement of Project activities. Take of any endangered, threatened, or candidate species that results from the Project is prohibited, except as authorized by State law (Fish &

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G. Code, §§ 86, 1670, 2062, 2067, 2068, 2080, 2085; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 786.9). Take of individual burrowing owls and their nests is defined by Fish and Game Code section 86, and prohibited by sections 3503, 3503.5 and 3513.

- b. Crotch's bumble bee. Creation, use, and maintenance of the fly field could also impact Crotch's bumble bee or floristic resources upon which the species relies. Crotch's bumble bee often nests underground, sometimes occupying abandoned rodent burrows along with many other microhabitats (Hatfield et al., 2015). If Crotch's bumble bee are using burrows on the relocation site for nesting, direct impacts could result from ground-disturbing activities, which could lead to death or injury of adults, eggs, and larva, burrow collapse, nest abandonment, and reduced nest success. Indirect impacts may occur from loss of foraging resources.

The California Fish and Game Commission accepted a petition to list the Crotch's bumble bee as threatened or endangered under CESA, determining the listing "may be warranted" and advancing the species to the candidacy stage of the CESA listing process. Crotch's bumble bee is granted full protection under CESA. Take of any endangered, threatened, candidate species that results from the Project is prohibited, except as authorized by State law (Fish & G. Code, §§ 86, 2062, 2067, 2068, 2080, 2085; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 786.9). In addition, Crotch's bumble bee has a State ranking of S1/S2. This means that Crotch's bumble bee is considered critically imperiled or imperiled and is extremely rare (often five or fewer populations). Crotch's bumble bee is also listed as an invertebrate of conservation priority under the California Terrestrial and Vernal Pool Invertebrates of Conservation Priority List (CDFW 2024).

CDFW welcomes coordination with the City to determine if take authorization can be circumvented at the relocation site through modifications in the proposed design, based upon avoidance of suitable habitat.

3. **CESA-Listed Species.** Fairview Park contains multiple records of CESA-listed species, including least Bell's vireo, Belding's savannah sparrow, and San Diego button celery. CDFW considers adverse impacts to a species protected by CESA to be significant. Take of any endangered, threatened, candidate species, or NPPA-listed plant species that results from the Project is prohibited, except as authorized by state law (Fish & G. Code §§ 1670, 2080, 2085; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §786.9). Consequently, if the Project or any Project-related activity will result in take of a species designated as endangered or threatened, or a candidate for listing under CESA, CDFW recommends that the Project proponent seek appropriate take authorization under CESA prior to implementing the Project. Appropriate authorization from CDFW may include an Incidental Take Permit (ITP), Restoration Management Permit (RMP) or a consistency determination in certain circumstances, among other options (Fish & G. Code, §§ 1670, 2080.1, 2081, subds. (b) and (c)). Early consultation is encouraged, as significant modification to a future project and mitigation measures may be required to obtain a CESA Permit. To ensure CDFW will be able to use the Master Plan and associated CEQA document for the issuance

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of any CESA-issued permits, the Plan's CEQA document should address all future project impacts to CESA-listed species and specify a mitigation, monitoring, and reporting program that will meet the requirements of an ITP or RMP.

4. **Cutting the Green Tape Program.** CDFW acknowledges the City's continued work to restore and manage natural resources within Fairview Park and recognizes the City's efforts to advance several restoration initiatives under the draft Master Plan Update. As such, we encourage the City to leverage our Cutting the Green Tape Program where appropriate. A Restoration Management Permit (RMP) issued through the Cutting the Green Tape Program provides a unified, efficient CDFW permitting mechanism for restoration, enhancement, and species recovery projects that simplifies the permitting process while maintaining strong species and habitat protection measures. The RMP provides up to five separate CDFW authorizations in a single permit designed for beneficial management, recovery, and restoration activities: 1) take of CESA threatened, endangered, or candidate species; 2) take of Fully Protected Species; 3) take of plant species designated as "rare" under the NPPA; 4) take of other species including mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, or reptiles; and 5) authorization of impacts to rivers, streams, and lakes that would otherwise be subject to a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement. More information on this program can be found at [Cutting the Green Tape](#)³.
5. **Wetland Impacts.** CDFW appreciates the efforts to include the vernal pool complex as subject to Fish and Game Code section 1600 *et seq.* (pp. 27, City of Costa Mesa, 2025). For any such activities, the Project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification to CDFW pursuant to section 1600 *et seq.* of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, CDFW determines whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) with the applicant is required prior to conducting the proposed activities. CDFW's issuance of an LSAA for a Project that is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by CDFW as a Responsible Agency. To minimize additional requirements by CDFW pursuant to section 1600 *et seq.* and/or under CEQA, the Plan should fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring, and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSAA. CDFW recommends the Applicant submit a Lake and Streambed Alteration Notification to CDFW. Notifications can be submitted through CDFW's [Environmental Permit Information Management System \(EPIMS\)](#)⁴.
6. **Trail Design.** The Trails Plan provided in the larger Plan Update appropriately emphasizes connected habitats, removing unauthorized trails, and reducing human intrusion within sensitive habitats. It also distinguishes between primary and secondary pedestrian trails. These secondary pedestrian trails are redundant recreation paths that further fragment the sensitive habitats throughout the park.

³ <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Cutting-Green-Tape>

⁴ <https://epims.wildlife.ca.gov/index.do>

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CDFW recommends the following items in the Trails Plan are resolved prior to adopting the Plan Update:

- a. The Trails Plan proposes constructing an elevated boardwalk along the existing trail that runs diagonally from the north terminus of Canyon Drive southwest to Pacific Avenue. While CDFW agrees that an elevated boardwalk could provide protection for the vernal pool complex, the Trails Plan figure does not delineate where the proposed boardwalk would be located, nor does it clearly correspond with the Trail Type/Mode of Travel table (pp. 97-98, City of Costa Mesa, 2025). Based on the text description, the boardwalk appears to have a “primary pedestrian trail” designation, but this is not clearly depicted in the figure. Per the Habitat Restoration Opportunities figure (pp. 60, City of Costa Mesa, 2025), the proposed boardwalk would overlap the Vernal Pool 4 Restoration (2002 to 2009).
- b. A secondary pedestrian trail is currently proposed to bisect the vernal pool complex immediately adjacent to Vernal Pool 1 Restoration, per the Habitat Restoration Opportunities figure (pp. 60, City of Costa Mesa, 2025). It can be assumed that this specific trail would be fenced using low-disturbance methods such as gabion baskets or stacked wood fencing to minimize ground disturbance and prevent soil penetration within the vernal pool watershed. However, these fencing methods provide less certainty in keeping trail users on designated paths and out of sensitive habitats. Additionally, the table does not specify the materials nor surface treatments for this specific trail. If the trail is not struck from the Trails Plan, these specifics should be added.
- c. Given the sensitivity of the vernal pool complex and the potential for off-trail intrusion, CDFW recommends that the secondary pedestrian trail bisecting the Mesa be eliminated from the Trail Plan and that other secondary trails be reduced to the greatest extent possible. Secondary pedestrian trails are also sited throughout the Wetlands and Riparian Phase 2 (OCTA) (2012 to Present) site and the Community-Led Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS) Restoration (On-going) site, per the Habitat Restoration Opportunities figure (pp. 60, City of Costa Mesa, 2025).
- d. Wildlife Agency approved Fairview Park CSS and Flower Fields Habitat Restoration and Monitoring Plan. The Trail Plan as currently designed may authorize trails that will significantly bisect and cause indirect effects to the future CSS and Flower Fields Restoration Project (Land IQ, 2024). In the absence of a clearly defined and enforceable public access management program, the potential for habitat disturbance remains high. The City should provide further discussion of the proposed means to enforce pedestrian access restrictions and ensure long-term protection of sensitive biological resources.
- e. The Trails Plan should include an inventory and mapping of all existing authorized and unauthorized trails, access points, and areas of sensitive biological resources.

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7. **Enforcement.** CDFW appreciates that the Plan discusses the need for increased park ranger presence and enforcement efforts; however, the Plan does not reference specific regulations, enforcement mechanisms, nor management actions that will achieve this objective. Without clearly defined operation protocols, staffing commitments, or regulatory measures (such as posted restrictions, penalties, or monitoring programs), it remains uncertain how the City intends to ensure compliance and effectively deter unauthorized trail creation and unauthorized vehicle access. The Plan should include a more detailed description of enforcement strategies and corresponding resources allocations to demonstrate the City's capacity to maintain long-term protection of sensitive habitats and recreational infrastructure.
8. **OCTA Mitigation Obligations.** The Fairview Park Mesa Restoration Project was nominated by the City in 2010 for funding consideration from the OCTA. Upon completion and Wildlife Agency approval, the restored habitat will be eligible for use by OCTA as mitigation credits under the OCTA Measure 2 NCCP/HCP, contingent upon establishment of a recorded conservation easement or other approved conservation mechanism to ensure the long-term protection of the site.

The Plan's current objectives for the *Strategic Habitat Restoration Projects* (pp. 84, City of Costa Mesa, 2025) directly advance fulfillment of the City's outstanding obligations to OCTA and demonstrate renewed commitment to successful restoration outcomes. Notably, the City's adoption of the CSS and Flower Fields Restoration Project represents meaningful progress in implementing the City's restoration vision. CDFW acknowledges the City's coordination with the Cutting the Green Tape initiative to streamline permitting and regulatory alignment for these efforts. We look forward to working with the City to complete a conservation easement to fulfill the City's obligations under the original Restoration Project. Establishing this instrument will ensure the perpetual protection and management of restored habitats and allow OCTA to apply the resulting credits toward their mitigation obligations.

CDFW remains committed to working collaboratively with the City and OCTA to authorize restoration projects that demonstrate sustained ecological uplift, consistent with state conservation priorities and the goals of the existing OCTA Measure 2 NCCP/HCP. We look forward to advancing a complete Restoration Management Permit application package to facilitate timely implementation of these future projects.

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CONCLUSION

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update to advise the City of Costa Mesa in identifying and mitigating the Master Plan's impacts on biological resources. Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to [Paola Perez](mailto:Paola.Perez@wildlife.ca.gov)⁵, Environmental Scientist.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Restoration, Management, and Protection of Vernal Pools within Fairview Park, City of Costa Mesa, Orange County, California

Dear Mr. Mejia:

This letter has been prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to provide the City of Costa Mesa (City) with information on the actions needed to restore, protect, and manage vernal pool habitat and associated species within the City at Fairview Park, Orange County, California. This information is provided in response to: (1) the installation of a path in Fairview Park that was routed within and adjacent to vernal pools occupied by the federally endangered San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), (2) your written request received September 4, 2013, for our review of restoration alternatives for vernal pools impacted by the installation of the path (LSA 2013), and (3) recommendations provided by Finium Environmental (2013) following removal of the path. Although the City's primary focus is on restoration of vernal pools impacted by the path, this letter includes actions the Service considers necessary to protect all vernal pool habitat and associated species within Fairview Park. This letter addresses future actions the City may take; it does not address or resolve issues relating to past actions, including the path construction, or the "take"¹ of listed species associated with those past actions. This letter does not constitute authorization for future "take" of listed species.

Background

San Diego fairy shrimp were first identified in Fairview Park in 1994 (Michael Brandman Associates 1995), 3 years prior to the Federal listing of the species (62 FR 4933). Seven vernal pool basins (numbered 1 through 7) and a "vernal marsh" were delineated in 1995 (Michael Brandman and Associates 1995) (Figure 1). San Diego fairy shrimp have since been identified in all but Basin 7

¹ Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and associated regulations prohibit the take of endangered and threatened species without special exemption. Take is defined as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. Harm is further defined by the Fish and Wildlife Service to include significant habitat modification or degradation that results in death or injury to listed species by significantly impairing essential behavior patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

(City 2008, Appendix C, Simovich 2005). Three additional vernal pools were observed in Fairview Park, east of Placentia Avenue in 2002 (Glenn Lukos 2002 in LSA 2007). To our knowledge, no surveys for fairy shrimp have been completed in these pools.

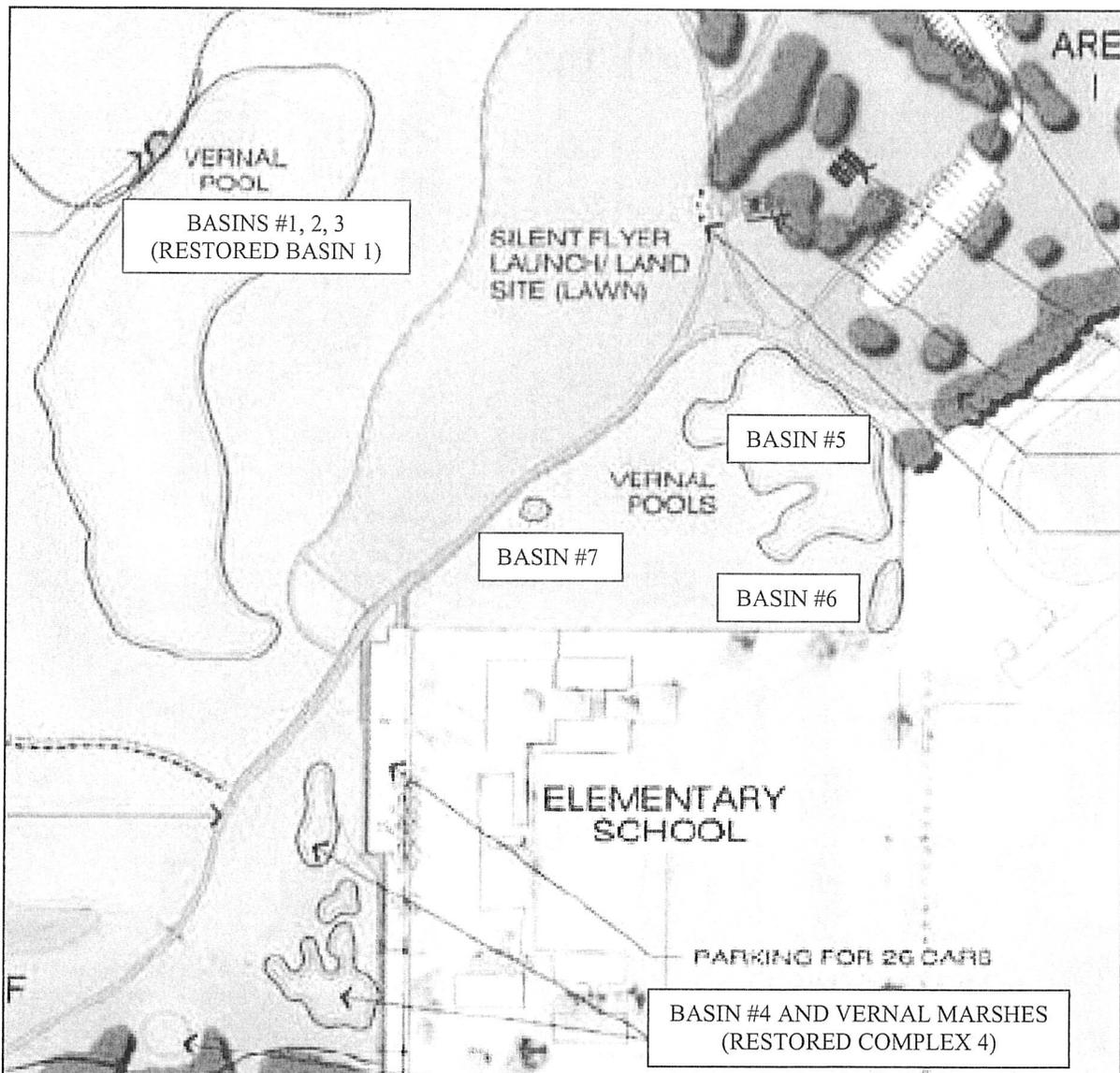


Figure 1. Location of vernal pool basins at Fairview Park.

Source: Michael Brandman Associated (1995) and Fairview Master Plan (November 2002 revision). Pool basins relabeled for clarity.

Restoration projects to improve the quality of habitat for San Diego fairy shrimp and sensitive plant species were completed in Fairview Park as mitigation for impacts to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional waters of the United States (Michael Brandman Associates 2002; Glenn Lukos Associates 2006). As a result of these projects, Basins 1, 2, and 3 were combined (Restored Basin 1), and Basin 4 and the “vernal marsh” were restored into a vernal pool complex (Restored Complex 4).

In above average rainfall years, it is likely that the watersheds of Restored Basin 1 and Restored Complex 4 are connected across the path that artificially separates the watersheds (Figure 2). It is also likely that Basins 5, 6, and 7 are part of a vernal pool complex with a shared hydrological connection during high rainfall years. Monitoring during previous restoration efforts identified the connection between Basins 5 and 6 (Michael Brandman Associates 2002), and the boundary between the watersheds of Basin 5 and 7 was coincident with a row of logs that have since been removed (Finium Environmental 2013).

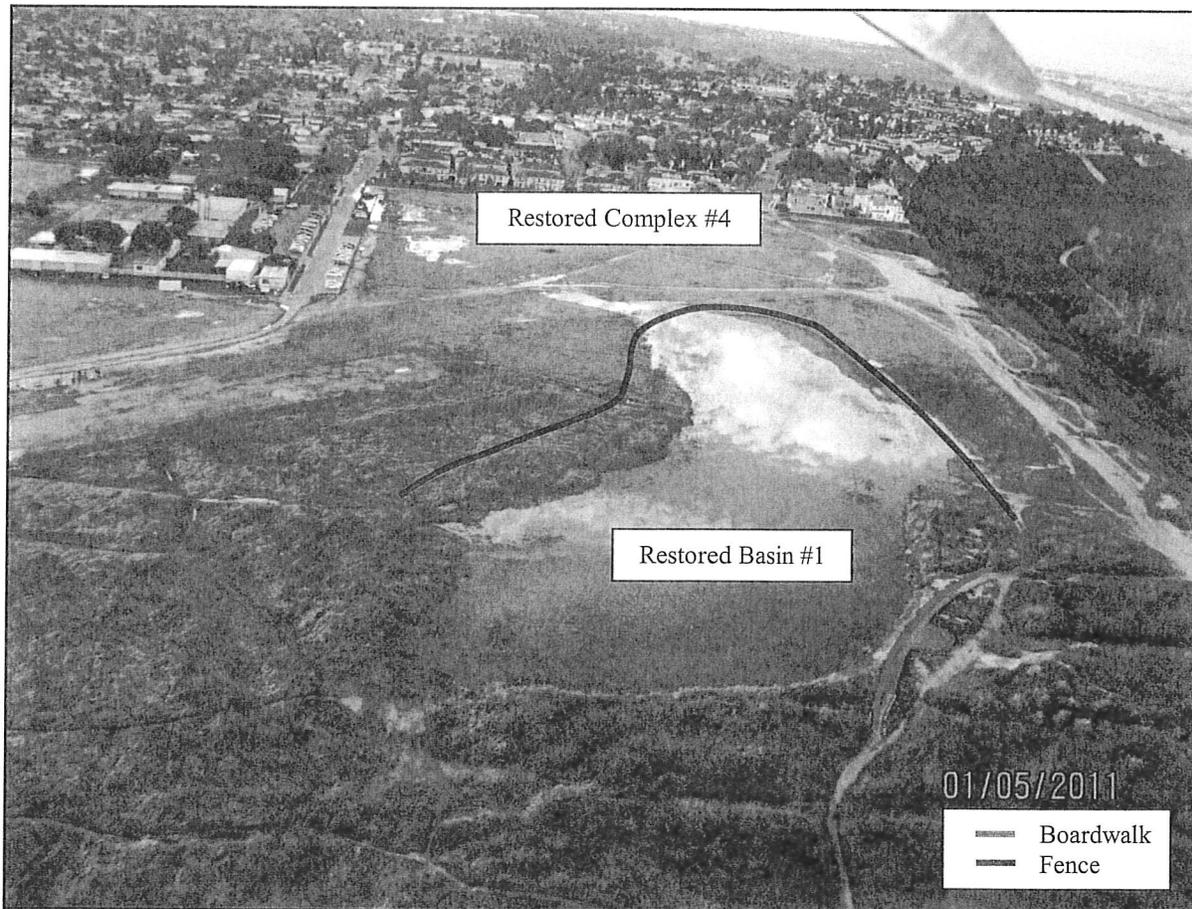


Figure 2. Vernal pools in Fairview Park during an above average rainfall year (facing south). Paths bisect the basins in several locations, and the fencing is in the water.

Photo source: <http://www.savefairviewpark.org/documents/fpcac-pack-5-29-13.zip>. Labels added.

Fairview Park supports one of the last coastal terrace vernal pools complexes in Orange County (Service 2007). Conservation and management of the San Diego fairy shrimp and its habitat in Fairview Park and other vernal pool complexes in the Los Angeles Basin-Orange Management Area is one of the criteria identified for recovery of the San Diego fairy shrimp in the Service's Recovery Plan for Vernal Pools of Southern California (Service 1998). Vernal pools in Fairview Park also support several plant species that are locally rare (City 2008; Chung 2010).

In the past, the City has supported restoration of the vernal pools and other sensitive habitat in Fairview Park, and the Fairview Park Master Plan (City 2008) includes a commitment that “the pools and basins [in Fairview Park] are to be retained, restored, and protected.” Specific actions in the plan anticipated to benefit the San Diego fairy shrimp include, but are not limited to: (1) restoration of vernal pool habitat; (2) development of a formalized path system to avoid sensitive areas to the extent feasible; (3) installation of educational signage and observation platforms in the vernal pool restoration area; (4) installation of fencing to protect the vernal pools; and (5) cessation of mowing within the vernal pools or, if necessary, mowing only late in the season after annual forbs and grasses have set seed.

We agree that the general measures identified in the Master Plan are appropriate to maintain the vernal pools. We are concerned, however, that some measures have not been implemented and others have been implemented in ways that may have impacted the San Diego fairy shrimp. More specific details are needed to ensure that the San Diego fairy shrimp and its habitat are protected. Activities that may have impacted or have the potential to impact the San Diego fairy shrimp and its habitat at Fairview Park include the following:

Installation of paths and parking areas: A path was installed in late 2013 that may have resulted in direct and indirect impacts to San Diego fairy shrimp, as described in our letter, dated November 14, 2013 (13B0443-14TA0039). While the path has been removed, grading associated with path installation altered the hydrology of the watershed supporting Basins 5 and 6 so that water may not pond to the extent it did historically (Finium Environmental 2013). As a result, fairy shrimp cysts may not hatch to their historical capacities until changes in topography are corrected (Finium Environmental 2013). The portion of the watershed supporting Basin 7 (including the basin area) has been used as a temporary parking area, and logs were placed in the watershed to delineate the parking boundary. A portion of the watershed of Restored Complex 4 was impacted by the installation of permanent parking along Canyon Drive. Grading for the parking area changed the topography so that water now ponds in the parking area (Figure 2).

Improvements to Estancia High School Stadium: The installation of fencing and a field events area impacted a significant portion of the watershed area supporting Basin 6 and altered the hydrology by re-grading the site. The changes in topography may limit the potential for the City to restore the basin within the boundaries of Fairview Park.

Pedestrians, dogs, and bicycles: While substantial resources have been focused on restoring and protecting Restored Basin 1, the unfenced northern end has informal paths leading directly into the basin and allowing bicycle access. Bicycle tracks and paths encroach within the northern end of the basin. Because the fencing was installed only around the restored basin area, the paths leading to the boardwalk are within the watershed of the basin. In January 2011 (an above average rainfall year), it was apparent that several paths and the fence are located in the basin (Figure 2). Restored Complex 4 has multiple paths running through it and shows signs of frequent use by dogs.

Operation of motorized vehicles during the wet season: In Restored Complex 4, deep tire tracks are evident due to motorized vehicle encroachment when the basins were inundated. The deep tracks may have altered the hydrology of the basins by causing water to pool first in the tracks, potentially concentrating fairy shrimp cysts within smaller portions of each basin.

Installation of landscaping and associated irrigation systems: Ornamental landscaping and turf areas border Basins 5 and 6 to the north, south, and east. Irrigation systems installed to support the landscaping are contributing to conversion of the vegetation communities within the watershed where water is now available throughout the year. The perennial water source is supporting wetland species such as mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*), and sedges (*Cyperus* sp.) (Finium Environmental 2013). The conversion of the vernal pool habitat to wetland can result in the permanent loss of habitat for San Diego fairy shrimp.

Mowing and pesticide and herbicide application: We have little information regarding the current timing and location of mowing activities or the application of pesticides and herbicides, but these activities have the potential to impact San Diego fairy shrimp and their habitat. Mowing equipment can crush cysts, spread invasive plant species, and cause ruts if mowing is conducted when the ground is damp. Pesticides and herbicides could potentially harm San Diego fairy shrimp cysts and adults.

Restoration, protection, and management of vernal pools in Fairview Park

While accommodating public uses within Fairview Park, it is the City's responsibility to ensure that its actions comply with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). In consideration of the degraded condition and management needs of the vernal pool habitat within Fairview Park, implementation by the City of the following measures would help ensure that the San Diego fairy shrimp population within the coastal terrace vernal pools at Fairview Park remains viable. Some of these restoration actions can be implemented immediately without further authorization under the Act, but others have the potential to result in take of listed species for which additional authorization under the Act would be required. To ensure that the City's future actions are appropriately authorized under the Act, we recommend that the City coordinate closely with our office to ensure that any incidental take associated with these actions is appropriately exempted under the Act. As indicated above, this letter does not exempt future take of listed species.

The following measures apply to Restored Basin 1, Restored Complex 4, and the vernal pool complex consisting of Basins 5, 6, and 7.

1. Watershed Restoration – Prepare and implement a restoration plan to address damages to the hydrological function of the vernal pool watersheds. The plan should be prepared by a biologist with a minimum of 5 years of experience restoring vernal pools in southern California and should identify actions that are necessary to restore hydrological function to the vernal pools. The plan should be reviewed and approved by the Service prior to implementation. Measures that should be included in the restoration plan include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Corrections to the watershed topography, as necessary, to ensure the basins will pond for a sufficient duration during an average rainfall year to support the life history of the San Diego fairy shrimp.
 - b. Management of the irrigation systems to prevent runoff from entering the watershed of Basins 5, 6, and 7. The City should coordinate with Newport-Mesa Unified School

District to ensure irrigation supporting landscaping at Estancia High School Stadium does not enter Fairview Park. We are available to assist the City with this coordination, as necessary.

- c. Removal of landscaping, turf, and non-vernal pool associated wetland plants (e.g., mulefat, curly dock) that were supported by irrigation systems in the watersheds and replacement with appropriate native vegetation.
 - d. Removal of non-native plant species (e.g., annual grasslands and mustards) if needed to re-establish hydrological function.
 - e. Restoration of native vegetation around the vernal pool basins and along informal and unauthorized paths, as appropriate (e.g., outside the basin area).
 - f. Removal of trash or other debris from the vernal pool watershed.
2. Permanent Protection – Record a conservation easement over the vernal pool basins and watersheds. Consistent with the Fairview Park Master Plan, the conservation easement should provide for the protection of the San Diego fairy shrimp and its habitat while allowing appropriate public access and enjoyment of the park.
 3. Fencing and Paths – The Service generally recommends fencing a sufficiently large habitat buffer (i.e., at least 100 feet from the outer edge of the watershed in most cases) to reduce encroachment by pedestrians and off-road vehicles, trash accumulation and dumping, and other indirect effects of development (Service 2008). A large buffer is necessary to account for natural changes in the basin dimensions over time in response to varying hydrological conditions and to prevent alterations to the watershed that could impact the duration and extent of ponding. To ensure the watersheds in Fairview Park are protected, the fencing should limit entry to the majority of the watershed area. Pets should be kept on leash in the park to prevent entry into fenced areas. Formal paths that will pass through the watershed of vernal pools should be placed on boardwalks, above the water surface elevation of the basins, to minimize changes in hydrology and the introduction of contaminants into the basins. Suggested locations for fencing are provided for discussion purposes (Figure 3).
 4. Public Education – The Service would like to partner with the City to develop educational materials and signs that can highlight the importance of biological resources in Fairview Park. The preservation of remaining coastal terrace pools in the City of Costa Mesa should be considered a source of pride for the City and its citizens. Educational signs, located along primary access routes (e.g., Figure 3), can help to enhance and contribute to the public’s use and enjoyment of the vernal pool area. A “nature path” with stopping points where users can learn more about vernal pools and the plants and animals they support can highlight species that are not readily seen and can maintain a public awareness of the rarity of these biological resources for generations to come.

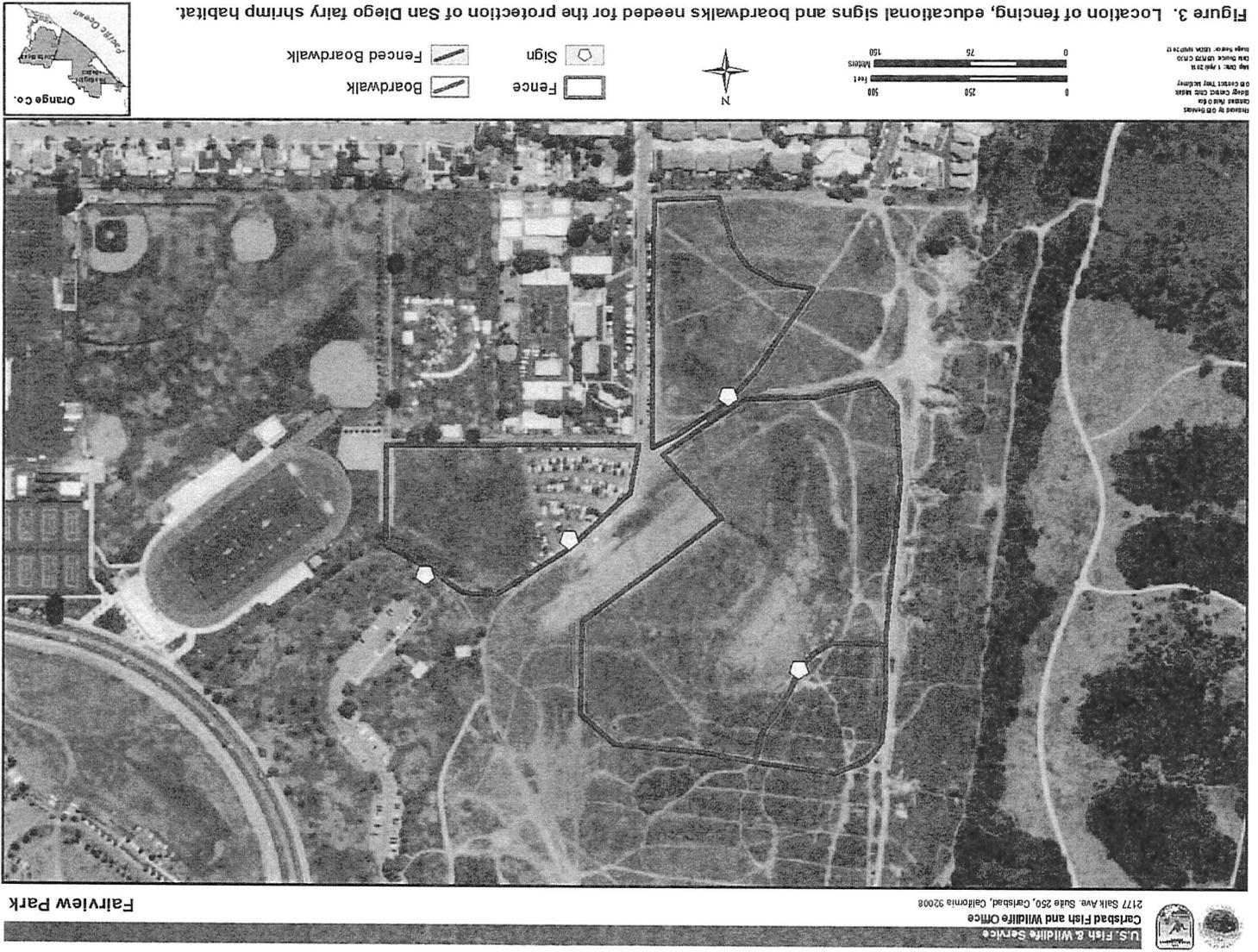


Figure 3. Location of fencing, educational signs and boardwalks needed for the protection of San Diego fairy shrimp habitat.

5. Trash – Provide trash receptacles and pet waste stations in convenient locations to minimize the potential for trash to be discarded in the vernal pool watersheds.
6. Mowing, Weed Control, and Pesticide Use – Mowing should be conducted outside the limits of the vernal pool basins to avoid direct impacts to San Diego fairy shrimp. In addition, we recommend that mowing be restricted within approximately 50 feet of the basin area to avoid restored habitat and sensitive plant species surrounding the basin area. The mowing limits should be periodically reevaluated to compensate for changes in the size and location of the basin area and corresponding zone of sensitive plant species. Please coordinate with the Service regarding use of pesticides and herbicides within the vernal pool watersheds to ensure chemicals harmful to San Diego fairy shrimp are avoided.
7. Employee Education – Provide an on-site education program for current and new employees of the City that will have assigned duties in Fairview Park to review sensitive biological resource areas and the City’s responsibilities for management of these areas.
8. Patrol – Include as part of regular patrol duties, inspection of the fencing surrounding the watersheds and reporting of any damage to the fences or signs of encroachment within the fenced boundary.
9. Biological Monitoring – Regular biological monitoring is necessary to determine the efficacy of management measures to preserve and protect the San Diego fairy shrimp. Biological monitoring should include:
 - a. Annual watershed inspection – A biologist who has experience with San Diego fairy shrimp and its habitat should prepare a brief summary of the status of the habitat and a list of any additional management actions needed to protect and/or restore damages to the habitat.
 - b. Surveys for fairy shrimp – The City should conduct periodic surveys once every 5 years when there is sufficient rainfall to document the status of the San Diego fairy shrimp in each of the pools in Fairview Park.
10. Adaptive Management – Review the effectiveness of management actions annually to determine if additional measures are needed to protect San Diego fairy shrimp from harm. Cable wire fencing is proposed in the Fairview Park Master Plan to protect the pool basins. If this type of fencing is not adequate to prevent the public from regularly entering the basin areas, additional fencing or a different type of fencing may be required. If the degradation of the pools has already impacted the viability of the San Diego fairy shrimp, additional inoculation of the pools with cysts may be necessary.

Three additional vernal pool areas, located east of Placentia Avenue, require additional surveys to determine if San Diego fairy shrimp and/or sensitive vernal plant species are present. We recommend the City delineate the watershed of the three pools in the near future and avoid impacts to the watershed areas until protocol surveys (Service 1996) can be completed. Positive survey results may require changes in management actions to address

San Diego fairy shrimp. The City should coordinate adaptive management with the Service prior to implementation.

11. Fairview Park Master Plan Update – Include in an update to the Fairview Park Master Plan specific and ongoing management actions that will be implemented to ensure high quality habitat for San Diego fairy shrimp is maintained and that the species is protected.

These are the measures that are needed to protect San Diego fairy shrimp and their habitat in Fairview Park and are not intended to offset the damage caused by path construction. Issues relating to take that may have been caused by path construction remain under investigation by the Service at this time and will be addressed separately in the future.

We look forward to meeting with the City to further refine the details and timing of restoration, protection, and management actions. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Christine Medak of this office at 760-431-9440, extension 298.

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Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update

Costa Mesa Mayor, City Council, City Staff, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners:

The Orange County Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (OCCNPS) has long had an interest in Fairview Park and the adjacent and connected lands of Talbert Regional Park, Canyon Park, and the recently conserved Randall Preserve. We are dedicated to the conservation of this remarkable place, its natural resources, its rare native plants, and the public's enjoyment and access to the land.

OCCNPS supports the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update. This plan presents clear, scientific findings that uphold the public's wishes for Fairview Park to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use. Glider airplane flying and illegal trail from pedestrians and cyclists have significant negative impacts on habitats and native plant ecology and are incompatible and inappropriate activities at Fairview Park.

Fairview Park hosts several regionally rare and sensitive special-status native plant species which have been scientifically documented at Fairview Park, and other species that may be present and occurring nearby. Those documented at the park include the following (scientific documentation available upon request):

***Callitriche longipedunculata*, Longstock water-starwort**

Locally Rare. One of only two Orange County locations

***Camissoniopsis lewisii*, Lewis's evening-primrose**

California Rare Plant Rank: 3 (*CNPS Review list*).

***Centromadia parryi* ssp. *australis*, Southern tarplant**

California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.1 (*rare, threatened, or endangered in CA and elsewhere*).

***Eryngium aristulatum* var. *parishii*, San Diego button celery**

California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.1 (*rare, threatened, or endangered in CA and elsewhere*).

State of California status: Endangered. Federal status: Endangered.

Orange County's only population. State and Federally protected species.

***Hordeum intercedens*, Vernal barley**

California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.1 (*rare, threatened, or endangered in CA and elsewhere*).

State of California status: Endangered. Federal status: Endangered.

***Lasthenia glabrata* ssp. *coulteri*, Goldfields**

California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.1 (*rare, threatened, or endangered in CA and elsewhere*).

Orange County's largest native (presumed) population.

***Lycium californicum*, California Boxthorn**

California Rare Plant Rank: 4.2 (*limited distribution*)

***Microseris douglasii* ssp. *platycarpa*, Small flowered microseris**

California Rare Plant Rank: 4.2 (*limited distribution*).

***Myosurus minimus* ssp. *apus*, Little mouse tail**

California Rare Plant Rank: 3.1 (*CNPS Review list*).

***Nama stenocarpum*, Mud nama**

California Rare Plant Rank: 2B.2 (*rare, threatened, or endangered in CA; common elsewhere*).

***Navarretia prostrata*, Prostrate navarretia**

California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.2 (*rare, threatened, or endangered in CA and elsewhere*).

***Orcuttia californica*, California orcutt grass**

California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.1 (*rare, threatened, or endangered in CA and elsewhere*).

State of California status: Endangered. Federal status: Endangered.

***Triglochin scilloides*, Flowering-quillwort**

Locally Rare. Orange County's only known population.

As biologists and environmental scientists it is important for us to point out that much of the biological resources currently persisting at Fairview Park have already been severely compromised and significantly reduced. The current palette of plants occurring at Fairview Park is dominated and in many cases overwhelmed by invasive and non-native species. While green and at times even flowery, these species are not supporting ecological health or native biodiversity.

The fragile and sensitive lands at Fairview Park need not only protection, but restoration, to allow them to again provide essential biological and environmental services. Specifically, the disturbed soils and mounds need to be removed, the topography reformed to its original contour, the extensive invasive plants aggressively managed, locally native plant species restored, and off-trail travel restricted.

OCCNPS supports the recommendations made by the City's Master Planning expert consultants, the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the PACS commission, the resource agencies, and the requirements of State and Federal law to protect habitats and species. This plan will prohibit damage from high impact glider airplane and off-trail bicycle and foot-traffic activities and preserve the seven miles of trails for low-impact human recreation and natural resource health, as specified in the Master Plan Update.

Please accept the Fairview Park Master Plan Update and allocate proper funding to Fairview Park to increase illegal activity enforcement.

Thank you,



Ron Vanderhoff
CA Native Plant Society, Orange County Chapter
Plant Science Chair



Elizabeth Wallace
CA Native Plant Society, Orange County Chapter
President



November 18, 2025

Sent via email

Costa Mesa City Council
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
cityclerk@costamesaca.gov

Re: Draft Master Plan Update for Fairview Park in the City of Costa Mesa

Dear City Council of the City of Costa Mesa:

We are writing to encourage the City of Costa Mesa to protect the valuable natural resources at Fairview Park (“Park”) by modifying the Draft Master Plan Update to re-site the current model airplane fly field away Fairview Park. The City has an excellent opportunity to stop ongoing harms to sensitive species and habitats and set a foundation that protects and celebrates the unique and valuable natural resources present at Fairview Park.

The Center is a non-profit, public interest environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law. The Center has over 1.7 million members and online activists throughout California and the United States. The Center has worked for many years to protect imperiled plants and wildlife, open space, air and water quality, and overall quality of life for people in Orange County.

Fairview Park supports incredible biodiversity, including numerous threatened and endangered species as well as highly imperiled habitats. The Biological Resources Technical Report (“Report”) prepared for the Master Plan Update appropriately highlights these species, noting that the Park supports over 200 plants, several federally endangered birds and invertebrates, and several species that are currently candidates for protection under the California Endangered Species Act (“CESA”), among many other wildlife species. The abundance and diversity present in the Park are particularly notable for such an urban area.

Unfortunately, past use of the park has harmed valuable species and habitats. Invasive species, intentional malicious destruction of plants, and model airplane flying have all harmed vernal pools and the species that reside therein. In the case of model airplane flying, the Report provides a thorough accounting of the harms of this activity, including potential take of Crotch’s bumble bee and burrowing owl (both CESA candidate species), trampling of vegetation including rare special-status plants, spread of invasive plants, and disturbance of both resident and migratory birds (including nesting birds).

The Draft Master Plan Update (“Plan”) includes significant improvements in this regard but still allows for significant disruption to native species and habitats. We are very pleased to see that the Plan update moves the fly field away from the western side of the Park, removing the direct threat from this activity to the vernal pool watershed that has resulted in so much damage in the past. However, the east side of the park also hosts sensitive species and habitats. Burrowing owls have been observed overwintering in grasslands on both sides of Placentia Ave, and northern harriers, white-tailed kites, and other raptors use these habitats to forage. Seasonal pools on both the west and east sides of the Park also support federally endangered San Diego fairy shrimp. By moving the fly field to the east side of the Park, the Master Plan appropriately minimizes the impacts of this activity on vernal pools, but allows for the potential disruption and harm to special status birds, plants, and invertebrates on the east side of the Park. Special status species throughout the park should be protected, not just on the west side.

We fully support the Master Plan’s removal of hobby flying from the vernal pool watershed on the west side of the Park; this is an excellent improvement from existing conditions. We encourage City Council to strengthen the City’s commitment to its precious natural resources by protecting the east side of the park as well. Re-siting the fly field away from the Park entirely is the best way to remove the harmful impacts of this activity on any and all sensitive habitats and species present in the Park’s boundaries. We hope City Council will celebrate the progress that has been made with the current Draft Master Plan Update and push for even better stewardship of the Park’s wild spaces, ensuring that residents of Costa Mesa can enjoy this natural gem now and for years to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Master Plan Update. Please add the Center to your notice list for all future updates to the Project using the email addresses below and do not hesitate to contact the Center with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Fairview Park Steering Committee Recommendations

1. Provide clearly defined trails and establish a designated trail system for the park.
2. Develop and adopt design standards for the designated trail system, including widths, materials, and designated modes of travel by trail type.
3. Finalize and adopt the habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities technical report for Fairview Park.
4. Establish functional and pedestrian pathways allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons for approved trails (see Rec 1), including from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.
5. Provide for long-term preservation of the vernal pools and their associated watersheds using suitable fencing, interpretive displays, and the removal of unauthorized user-defined trails that have formed through the vernal pool watersheds.
6. Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed to outside Fairview Park, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field.
7. Revegetate and restore excessive areas of barren ground and exposed soil using ecologically appropriate native vegetation.
8. Provide for a potential native plant growing space on the east side of Fairview Park in a location that avoids impacts to native habitat. The growing space shall be planned and designed in consultation with a qualified restoration ecologist.
9. Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the exceptional conservation value of the site, and the importance of local and global biodiversity preservation.
10. Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the cultural history of the site, indigenous ecology, and to recognize the site's significance to tribal communities.
11. Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between (1) human health and (2) ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.
12. Provide for an on-site maintenance and storage facility, or designated area on the east side for efficient storage and use of Fairview Park restoration tools and equipment, and to support the operations of the native plant growing space.
13. Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for the removal of unsuitable fill material (imported fill material placed on the Mesa in the late 1980s), protection of culturally sensitive resources, and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.
14. Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs to protect natural resources and public safety.

15. Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to all ages while onboard the model train circuit.
16. Develop and adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Plant Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.
17. Continue to build partnerships with organizations invested in environmental conservation, and expand opportunities to participate in community-based restoration, stewardship, and nature-based educational activities.
18. Provide continuing opportunities for tribal coordination and participation in the implementation of the Updated Fairview Park Master Plan.
19. Provide ADA-accessible pathway(s) from the main parking lot to the existing paved multipurpose path west of the main parking lot.
20. Provide an emergency and service vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue. Develop protocol guidelines for vehicular use of this access point.
21. Provide for the incorporation of a central interpretive area.
22. Incorporate viewing platforms and scenic viewpoint features to enhance environmental interpretive opportunities while preserving sensitive features.
23. Incorporate nature play elements throughout the park and a nature play area within the existing lawn area.
24. Incorporate a native pollinator area to attract butterflies and other pollinators. The native pollinator area would replace the ornamental vegetation including invasive species currently located in the planter area.
25. Modify and refine the name of the Fairview Park site to a more nature-oriented name, such as "Fairview Nature Park" to reflect the site's exceptional natural resources, significant conservation value, and lasting legacy as Costa Mesa's premier natural open space asset.

From: johnritt@yahoo.com
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
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Subject: "Updated" Fairview Master Plan Does Not Reflect the Needs and Wants of CM Residents...
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:41:55 AM
Attachments: [1986 FVP Grant Deed.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers, City Staff

I write as a longtime Costa Mesa resident who participated in the 1998 and 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan updates. Those efforts, in my view, struck an appropriate balance between environmental stewardship and public access—reflecting the city’s character and the community’s needs. I am concerned that the current update departs from that balanced approach, and will not be in compliance with the “Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions” as set forth when the park was deeded to the City (see page two of the “1986 FVP Grant Deed” attachment).

In recent years, discussions around Fairview Park have grown more polarized, and proposals circulating today appear to favor a significantly more exclusionary model—one that prioritizes additional fencing and restricted access over the park’s historic role as an open, welcoming public space. Costa Mesa is not a “cookie-cutter” city; our identity is rooted in accessibility, inclusion, and practical stewardship. Converting Fairview Park into a de facto preserve without meaningful compromise would diminish its value for residents while failing to recognize how responsible, managed public use has coexisted with conservation for more than seven decades.

I appreciate the importance of protecting sensitive habitat and cultural resources. However, several claims advanced in support of widespread restrictions do not appear grounded in impartial, publicly vetted studies, and the proposed direction risks overcorrecting—shifting from stewardship to exclusion. As our city grows, residents need thoughtful access to nature close to home: trails that are well designed and maintained, recreation that is compatible with protection, and a management framework that is adaptive, evidence-based, and transparent.

I respectfully ask the Council to revise the proposed Master Plan update

to reaffirm a reasoned, balanced approach that sustains the current level of public access.

Specifically:

- **Commit to evidence-based management:** Direct Park staff to use impartial studies, clear metrics, and regular public reporting to guide decisions.
- **Prioritize compatible access:** Maintain... Concerts in the Park, Model Railroad, Waldorf School access, Pedestrian and Jogging Trails and the Model Glider Field in its current location.
- **Ensure inclusive process:** Engage a broad cross-section of resource agencies, residents, experts, and stakeholders so no single interest dominates outcomes.

Fairview Park has long embodied Costa Mesa's best qualities: accessibility, stewardship, and community. Let's preserve that legacy by choosing a balanced plan that protects the environment and keeps the park meaningfully open to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, John Rittenhouse
johnritt@yahoo.com

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Attachement 1: FPMP CCA Recommendations

Rec. #	Consultant Team Rec.	Fairview Park Steering Committee (FPSC) Rec.	CCA Rec.
1	Provide clearly defined trails and establish a designated trail system for the park.	As-is	As-is
2	Adopt design standards for the designated trail system, including widths, materials, and designated modes of travel by trail type.	As-is	As-is
3	Finalize and adopt the habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities technical report for Fairview Park.	As-is	As-is
4	Establish a boardwalk or similar pedestrian pathway allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.	Establish functional and pedestrian pathways allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons for approved trails (see Rec 1), including from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.	Agree with FPSC to add 'approved trails'
5	Provide for long-term preservation of the vernal pools and their associated watersheds using suitable fencing, interpretive displays, and the removal of unauthorized user-defined trails that have formed through the vernal pool watersheds.	As-is	As-is
6	Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field. Staff is working with the model flying club to identify potential alternative flying sites for the activity.	Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed to outside Fairview Park, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field.	Agree with FPSC
7	Revegetate and restore excessive areas of barren ground and exposed soil using ecologically appropriate native vegetation.	As-is	As-is
8	Provide for a potential native plant growing space on the east side of Fairview Park in a location that avoids impacts to native habitat. The growing space shall be planned and designed in consultation with a qualified restoration ecologist.	As-is	As-is
9	Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the exceptional conservation value of the site, and the importance of local and global biodiversity preservation.	As-is	As-is
10	Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between human mental and physical health, and ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.	Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between (1) human health and (2) ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.	Agree with FPSC
11	Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the cultural history of the site, indigenous ecology, and to recognize the site's significance to tribal communities.	As-is	As-is
12	Provide for an on-site maintenance and storage facility, or designated area on the east side for efficient storage and use of Fairview Park restoration tools and equipment, and to support the operations of the native plant growing space.	As-is	As-is
13	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for unsuitable fill removal and restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for the removal of unsuitable fill material (imported fill material placed on the Mesa in the late 1980s), protection of culturally sensitive resources, and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.	As-is
14	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs.	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs to protect natural resources and public safety..	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs to protect natural resources and public safety, using natural materials only.
15	Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to the youth while onboard the model train circuit.	Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to all ages while onboard the model train circuit.	Agree with FPSC
16	Adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.	Develop and adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Plant Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.	Agree with FPSC
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18	Provide continuing opportunities for tribal coordination and participation in the implementation of the Updated Fairview Park Master Plan.	As-is	As-is
19	Provide an ADA-accessible pathway from the main parking lot to the existing paved multi-purpose path west of the main parking lot.	Provide ADA-accessible pathway(s) from the main parking lot to the existing paved multipurpose path west of the main parking lot.	Agree with FPSC
20	Provide a service and emergency vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue, to be accessible only by authorized public safety vehicles and maintenance vehicles.	Provide an emergency and service vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue. Develop protocol guidelines for vehicular use of this access point.	Agree with FPSC
21	Provide for the incorporation of a central interpretive area.	As-is.	As-is

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22	Incorporate viewing platforms and scenic viewpoint features to enhance environmental interpretive opportunities while preserving sensitive features.	As-is	As-is
23	Incorporate a nature play area near the central interpretive area.	Incorporate nature play elements throughout the park and a nature play area within the existing lawn area.	Support for either / both
24	Incorporate a native pollinator area to attract butterflies and other pollinators. The native pollinator area would replace the ornamental vegetation including invasive species currently located in the planter area.	As-is	As-is. 'Native' doesn't appear in the MPU
25	Based on community input-consider renaming the site to reflect the site's natural and cultural resources.	Modify and refine the name of the Fairview Park site to a more nature-oriented name, such as "Fairview Nature Park" to reflect the site's exceptional natural resources, significant conservation value, and lasting legacy as Costa Mesa's premier natural open space asset.	Modify and refine the name of the Fairview Park site to a more nature-oriented name, such as "Fairview Nature Preserve" or "Fairview Nature Park" to reflect the site's exceptional natural resources, significant conservation value, and lasting legacy as Costa Mesa's premier natural open space asset.

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Project No. PR46B-101.3
Project: Fairview Regional Park

GRANT DEED

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,
the ORANGE COUNTY HARBORS, BEACHES AND PARKS DISTRICT
does hereby GRANT to the CITY OF COSTA MESA the real property in the County of Orange,
State of California, described as:

That portion of Lot A of the Banning Tract, in the city of Costa
Mesa, county of Orange, state of California, as shown on a map filed in
the case of Hancock Banning and others, versus Mary H. Banning, for
petition and being Action No. 6385 in the Superior Court of the State of
California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, California, together
with those portions of Lots 3, 4, and 5 of the J. A. Day Tract, in said
city, county and state, recorded in book 4, page 50 of Miscellaneous Maps
in the office of the County Recorder of said Orange County, described as a
whole as Parcel GA 551-1.01 in a deed to the Orange County Harbors,
Beaches and Parks District recorded April 3, 1973 in book 10625, page 278
of Official Records in the office of said County Recorder.

EXCEPT therefrom the westerly 200.00 feet of said Parcel GA 551-1.01,
said 200.00 feet being measured at right angles to the westerly line of
said Parcel.

ALSO EXCEPT therefrom that portion lying southerly and westerly of
the following described line:

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of said Parcel GA 551-1.01,
said point being distant S. 13°24'49" W., 1025.51 feet, measured along
said westerly line, from the northwesterly corner of said Parcel; thence
S. 76°35'11" E., 949.45 feet; thence S. 12°28'45" W., 314.88 feet; thence
S. 14°06'38" W., 208.94 feet; thence S. 8°15'00" W., 251.00 feet; thence
S. 8°40'51" W., 294.03 feet; thence S. 5°38'55" W., 328.70 feet; thence
S. 7°14'42" W., 228.30 feet; thence S. 6°37'40" W., 360.32 feet; thence
S. 3°43'58" W., 206.93 feet; thence S. 6°45'13" W., 248.06 feet; thence
S. 19°35'27" W., 300.28 feet to a point on the southerly line of said
Parcel GA 551-1.01, said point being distant N. 89°27'30" E.,
1171.89 feet, measured along said southerly line, from the southwesterly
corner of said Parcel.

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1 COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

2 The above described property is granted upon the express condition that the parcel be
3 perpetually used for public park, recreation, and open space purposes. Public park,
4 recreation, and open space is defined as those uses consistent with applicable provi-
5 sions of Section 11011.1 of Government Code of California and State-approved General
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28 A breach of said condition shall cause said property to revert to Grantor, its heirs,
successors, or assigns, who shall have the right of immediate re-entry upon said pre-
mises.

1 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Orange County Harbors, Beaches and Parks District has caused
2 this Grant Deed to be executed this 21st day of January,
3 19 86.

4 SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY OF
5 THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO
6 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.
7 Linda D. Roberts
8 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
9 County of Orange and governing Board
10 of the Orange County Harbors, Beaches
11 and Parks District

ORANGE COUNTY HARBORS, BEACHES AND
PARKS DISTRICT
By Joseph B. Clark
Chairman, Board of Supervisors of
County of Orange and acting as the
governing board of Orange County
Harbors, Beaches and Parks District

12 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
13) ss.
14 COUNTY OF ORANGE)

15 On this 21st day of January in the year 1986, before me,
16 Cecilia R. Novella, personally appeared Jeri L. Stately personally
17 known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be Asst. Clerk of the
18 Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange, said board acting as the governing board
19 of the Orange County Harbors, Beaches and Parks District, and known to me (or proved to
20 me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person who executed the within
21 instrument on behalf of the Orange County Harbors, Beaches and Parks District pursuant
22 to Government Code Section 25103, and acknowledged to me that such political subdivision
23 executed the same by use of an authorized facsimile signature.

24 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and
25 year in this certificate first above written.



Cecilia R. Novella

APPROVALS

Approved as to Form County Counsel By <u>O. M. MOORE</u> Date <u>1/8/86</u>	
Description Compared By <u>Douglas Gange</u>	

86-026581

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by a Grant Deed dated January 21, 1986, from the ORANGE COUNTY HARBORS, BEACHES AND PARKS DISTRICT, is hereby accepted by the City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa on behalf of the City Council of said City, pursuant to authority conferred by Resolution No. 74-75 of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, adopted on the 1st day of October, 1974, and the grantee consents to recordation thereof by its duly authorized officer, namely, the City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa.

DATED: January 21, 1986


City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the
City Council of the City of Costa Mesa

From: [Paul Waggoner](#)
Cc: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: CCA Comments on the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:55:59 AM
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Dear Costa Mesa City Council and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fairview Park Master Plan Update. Please find our comment and recommendation letter attached.

Thanks

Paul Waggoner

Community Engagement Manager

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From: [Julie Kennedy](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [FVPMP](#)
Subject: Comments Re Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update: Discussion and Approval of Recommendations
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:49:32 PM

Hello --

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Fairview Park Master Plan Update.

I appreciate the detailed information and historical context in the document and the extensive efforts to preserve an important and sensitive space.

I'd like to submit two comments:

1. A more appropriate name for the space would be Fairview Park Preserve, Fairview Nature Park, or simply Fairview Preserve. This would send a message to the public that is a more complex area that focuses on preservation, and would also help guide any future efforts with a preserve-oriented vision.
2. The "fly field" or "silent flyer launch/land site" is really inappropriate within Fairview Park and entirely inconsistent with the goal to "Protect, preserve, and enhance the unique natural and cultural resources of Fairview Park." I'm surprised that, despite widespread objection to a fly field or launch/land site, it continues to appear in Fairview Park documents and/or plans. The City of Costa Mesa has various other parks for which this hobby would be more appropriate and far less damaging to the sensitive environment and biodiversity of Fairview Park.

I appreciate most of the remainder of the draft and recommendations, and I hope it is approved with the consideration of my comments.

Thank you,

Julie Kennedy

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From: [Richard Lyng](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:42:01 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public record for the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

Thank you,
Richard L.
Joann Street , Costa Mesa

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From: [Christine Knapp](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park - I do not support the Master Plan
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 12:14:47 PM

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council members,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

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Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities. Our family members live in Costa Mesa is a nice city to visit, but it seems the big business and profits are going to override your commitment to the people who live in Costa Mesa because when we visit we go to the Goat Hill trains and the park to walk around and have fun. There are fewer and fewer lands for habitat of wild animals, and local golden frogs, which I have personally seen at the park.

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Thank you,

Christine Knapp

Eastvale, CA
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From: [Rick Kapko](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview park
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 12:11:48 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, and the dirt mounds — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public record for the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

Thank you,
Rick Kapko
1992 Balearic

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From: [Jane Gothold](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 5:33:01 PM

I imagine you are aware that the Park came into existence because of the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society. I am a Founding Member, and one of those who did surface surveys of this most important site.

We obtained permission to do this survey from the owner of the property.

After our survey, we recommended to the owner that this site should be preserved, and he subsequently donated the land to the city.

A developer came to the City, proposing a development similar to Huntington Harbor. The property owner said this was not why he donated the land, and withdrew his donation.

When the city reconsidered, and agreed to site preservation as a park, with no planting of large trees or other plantings that would disturb the archaeological remains, the owner donated the land to the city.

The Archaeological importance of this park needs to be emphasized in your overall plans for its future!

Sincerely

Jane Gothold

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From: [Tracy Scofield](#)
To: [CITY CLERK; citycouncil@costamesa.gov](mailto:citycouncil@costamesa.gov)
Subject: Fairview park
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 1:39:09 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council members,

I do not support the current draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so that the community can continue long standing uses at Fairview park. The plan should work to preserve the model glider field in its current location, concerts in the park, the dirt mounds, bicycle and dog walking trails, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. These activities are a source of pride for the Costa Mesa Community. These attractions bring residents and visitors alike to our city and add to its charm and uniqueness.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the intent of Measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations , the City Council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan.

Fairview park should remain a shared space that both protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public record for the Nov. 18 City Council meeting.

Thank you,
Tracy Scofield
Resident, Estancia zone

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From: [Jocelyn Shell](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 3:03:52 PM

I do not support the current draft Fairview Park Master plan. I would like the concert in the park series to continue and I do not support limiting patron access or trail access.

By the way, it seems like city council doesn't listen to anything we say anymore in regardless of how many people vote on it they just have their own opinions and they stick to that

It's a sad state that we live in for the city council members to ignore so many of the
Supposedly serving

Jocelyn Harrington
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From: [Dave Shafer](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 6:05:33 PM

To the Costa Mesa City Clerk

My name is David Shafer I have lived near Fairview Park my entire life. 63 years of walking, riding, playing, walking my dogs. truly growing up there. Leave this great asset alone! Working with EHS Football we hosted the Woodbridge Irvine cross country track and field competition. Being Booster President I had the opportunity to talk to Coaches and student athletes from schools from all over Southern California and some from across our great nation. The overwhelming sentiment was they loved our school Fairview Park. With the connection to the Santa Ana River trails leading to the ocean. Please leave this unreplacable asset alone.

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

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If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public record for the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

Thank you

David Shafer

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From: [Pat Schmidt](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:20:01 AM

I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue concerts in the park and other long standing uses.

I also do not support any new fencing

Pat Schmidtw

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From: [Tom](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:22:26 AM

My name is Tom Dennis, and I live at 948 Joann St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627. My parents purchased our home in 1963, and I eventually inherited it. I attended Canyon School, Wilson School, Rea School, and ultimately Estancia High School. My entire life has been connected to Fairview Park — or as we’ve always called it, “The Bluff.”

In its current state, Fairview Park is, in my opinion, one of the best examples of urban planning I have ever seen. It strikes a perfect balance between natural space and functional community use. With that in mind, I want to express my deep concern about several of the proposed changes:

Elimination of Concerts in the Park

These events bring our entire city together every summer. They are safe, peaceful, and genuinely community-building.

Elimination of the Glider Field

I have watched model glider enthusiasts fly there my entire life. They harm no one and have been part of the park’s identity for decades.

Removal of the Kids’ Bike Mounds

This proposal makes no sense. Kids have been riding bikes at Fairview Park since long before these small mounds were created — we had famous jumps like The Drop, Double Jump, and King Hill. The current mounds are modest by comparison, but they keep kids outside, active, and engaged.

Possible Elimination of the Model Trains

The trains are one of the most beloved and distinctive features of the park. They help make Costa Mesa a great place to live and raise a family.

With all these proposed removals, I can’t help but wonder: what is the end goal? I do not believe it is about preserving nature — the park is healthy as it is. Increasingly, everything seems to come with a fee, a membership, or a paywall. Is that where this is heading? Paid admission to concerts? To the park itself? Other cities have gone that route — but Costa Mesa shouldn’t.

Not everything needs to be a source of revenue. Some things, like Fairview Park in its current form, are *already* perfect.

I want to register my full and unequivocal opposition to any changes that diminish the park’s current uses and community value.

Best regards,
Tom Dennis

949-381-1425

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From: jonathan.outfar10.com
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park comment
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 7:04:43 PM

Construct pump and pipes to allow recirculation of the water through the five ponds in lower Fairview Park.

Repave the pedestrian/bike path from upper to lower Fairview

Place speed bumps to slow down the bikes/e-bikes that speed upon the path from upper to lower Fairview park

Provide drainage from the bottom of the path from upper to lower Fairview park so that the path is open instead of a pond when there is significant rain.

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From: [david.schafer](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Draft
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:27:24 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make the necessary changes to preserve the model glider field in the current location, Concert in the Park, bicycle and dog walking trail access as well as the Goat Hill Junction railroad.

I also do not support new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the intent of Measure AA. If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, City Council should consider canceling the update and returning to the 2008 Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public record for the Nov. 18 City Council meeting.
Regards,

David Schafer
2021 S Capella Ct. Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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From: [mikeftre](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 6:01:25 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

Fairview Park should stay a shared space that protects wildlife and keeps room for people, families, and community activities.

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. Please direct staff to work with CDFW promptly on a mitigation approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly. I believe it is not reasonable to restrict public access based on some CDFW suggestions some wildlife and plants “might” be harmed by public access. **If this access is so harmful, why are the birds and plants still in the park after 60 or more years of this public access? Answer, the birds become accustomed to activities such as pedestrians, dog walkers, bicycles, and model airplanes around them and then go about their usual routine.**

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revisions should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park. **I believe it is possible to work out a compromise allowing continued public access as well as making portions of the park into a preserve.**

Please include this comment in the public record for the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

Respectfully,

Mike Costello

714-875-7994
mikeftre@gmail.com

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From: [Bryan Shaw](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:52:35 PM

We DO NOT approve of the Fairview Park Master Plan Update!

We are the Shaw family living in Costa Mesa and we have raised two children here.

Before we were married, I worked in Irvine.

We were considering buying a home in Irvine till I found out that we couldn't have a basketball hoop on our garage, we couldn't have solar panels, we could only paint our house with approved colors etc.....

We were so lucky to buy a house in the **Freedom Homes** in Costa Mesa.

We put up a basketball hoop, we are completely solar powered with our solar panels, we have rain barrels, our kids had chickens, fruit trees, vegetable gardens and we made our house our little farm. The kids grew up as free range kids, riding their bikes to the beach, Fairview park, Canyon Park, riding the model railroad. They attended Victoria School and Wes played basketball for Estancia. How is moving the model airplanes across Placentia into the Railroad a good idea? I always launched my gliders into the wind. Do the model airplane people want to move? We now walk the dog and ride bikes down to the river trail by going through Fairview park. Both kids are grown with college degrees and full time jobs. Neither can afford to live around here.

I have not been able to find how much these plans will cost.

Where do we go to find out how much each stage will cost?

Reading the Master Plan it looks like an end run around Proposition AA.

How much will this cost? Let the Costa Mesa residents vote on it.

We need to know how much this will cost and why we are not voting on it.

We Do Not approve this expensive, restrictive, plan.

Bryan, Susan, Liza and Wesley Shaw

bshawtpt@gmail.com

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From: [Elliott Gonshor](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 10:21:35 AM

City Council, Public Staff, and Represent Committees,

I agree with the recommendations outlined in the draft Fairview Park Master Plan (FPMP). I believe the FPMP provides a fair and balanced approach that will help the park thrive for current and future generations of visitors, wild life, and ecological plant species. At the same time, the plan respects and supports the historical and cultural significance of past generations of Native Americans that inhabited Fairview Park and surrounding areas. With all that said, I hope you vote in support of the FPMP.

Respectfully,

Elliott Gonshor
Resident 2580 Westminster Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(732) 690-1593

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From: [Liz McCormack](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [PACS Comments](#); [FVPMP](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Plan Draft
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:39:28 AM

Hello,

I would like to express my support for the current Fairview Park plan draft as proposed. As a long-time Costa Mesa resident, I have reviewed the various committees and consultants proposals through the years, and thus far, this current plan seems committed to maintaining passive use and support of the natural habitat, with perhaps the exception of the area currently dedicated to the trains and future model plane use.

Of particular concern to us, is the proposal to NOT develop the stairway entry off Canary Drive beyond enhancing the current pathways. We live on Canary Drive and already have heavy use by both cars and pedestrians in front of our house for that stairway entry point. Ongoing concern is for adequate enforcement of the park's closure after dark, something that there is little enforcement of at this time or in the past.

Thank you,
Liz McCormack
2695 Canary Drive

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From: [Stewart Ramsey](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:58:34 PM

Hello Fairview Park Team,

I am resubmitting my feedback ahead of the November 18th City Council meeting and respectfully ask that this message be entered into the public record in lieu of my attendance.

First, thank you for the extensive work that has gone into the **Fairview Park Master Plan Update (Draft 2025)**. It's clear that significant time and care have been invested in protecting the park's ecological and cultural resources.

At the same time, after reviewing the draft and listening to the discussion at the last public meeting, it seems clear that **many residents share concern that Fairview Park is being treated more as a preserve than a public park**. The draft language, with its emphasis on fencing, restricted access, and restoration-only priorities, risks altering the very spirit that makes Fairview meaningful to Costa Mesa — a place where people and nature connect.

Fairview Park should remain **a public park**, not a preserve. The goal should be balance: protecting habitat *while also* welcoming people to experience, learn, and build memories there.

Measure AA and the Need for a True Community Vision

The current plan's scope — including large-scale grading, elevated walkways, new drainage systems, and permanent interpretive structures — appears to constitute **major physical change and new uses** that likely trigger **Measure AA**.

Before proceeding, I respectfully request a **formal legal determination** confirming whether these proposed actions meet that threshold.

If Measure AA applies, then Costa Mesa has a once-in-a-generation opportunity — not just to vote on compliance, but to **craft a new, community-driven vision** for Fairview Park: one that's built *with* residents, not merely *for* them.

A Park That Reflects Its People

All over the world, there are extraordinary examples of parks where **nature and humanity coexist beautifully**:

- **The High Line (New York):** where native grasses and art transform an industrial relic

into an urban oasis.

- **Gas Works Park (Seattle):** where old structures became sculpture and play, blending history with ecology.
- **Balboa Park (San Diego):** where gardens, art, and gathering spaces thrive alongside native habitats.
- **The Gathering Place (Tulsa):** where river restoration meets culture, play, and civic pride.

These spaces prove that environmental restoration doesn't require excluding people — it thrives when design invites participation and creativity. Costa Mesa has the same opportunity: to build a park that's *ecologically sound, culturally expressive, and joyfully human*.

If It Goes to a Vote — Make It Worth Voting For

If the community is being asked to decide, then let's invite them to dream:

- A **pump track or adventure cycling loop** that gets kids outdoors.
- **Shade-canopy trees and pollinator gardens** for beauty, comfort, and climate resilience.
- **Artist-designed installations and community art nodes** that reflect Costa Mesa's creative DNA.
- A **small craft brewery or café pavilion on the bluff**, offering connection and views without compromising habitat.
- **Outdoor learning and event spaces** for ecology, music, and storytelling.

These are the kinds of experiences that transform Fairview Park into a place of **stewardship, creativity, and community belonging** — not restriction.

My Requests

1. Reject the Masterplan for its lack of vision.
2. Conduct and publicly release a **Measure AA applicability review**.
3. If a vote is required, **broaden the ballot concept** to include community-driven amenities and cultural integration.
4. Commit to a **transparent and participatory design process**, ensuring residents, artists, educators, and small businesses have a seat at the table.
5. Clarify in the Master Plan that **Fairview Park remains a public park**, not a preserve — a shared civic landscape for people and nature alike.

Thank you for considering these perspectives and for your dedication to the future of Costa Mesa's most remarkable public space.

Stewart William Ramsey

President

The R&D Dept.

From: [SUSAN BURGESS](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 10:06:20 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

Fairview Park is a unique and special habitat. I urge you to place biodiversity over glider planes. The planes disrupt nature by scaring off bird, insect, and mammal populations.

There are other venues for glider planes but there aren't for the species who live at Fairview Park.

Please work to protect this precious area from the intrusions of manmade noise and objects.

Sincerely,

Susan Burgess

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:43:49 AM

From: jason Miller <jmma@me.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:20 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerk@costmamesa.gov
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers,

I do NOT support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so that the community, residents and "at risk" critical wildlife can continue to benefit the long-standing uses that Fairview Park provides.

Year-round, this area is frequented by individuals, groups, and families from sunrise to sunset as a tiny corner of much-needed natural beauty. Open space, Concerts in the Park, Biking, walking, running, nature trails, Model Airplaning, the Goat Hill junction model railroad, bird watching, and photography enthusiasts, to name a few. As a community member and family, I/we frequent this area constantly because of the open space beauty it provides. Having this area in close proximity was a considerable factor in my decision to purchase a home in this area.

This area is also home to an entire ecosystem of animals, plants, flora, migratory birds, and the people who enjoy them. A critical part of nature and wildlife that does not have a voice in the protection of its habitat. We must be that voice and steward.

We have so little green space and so much concrete and overdevelopment. People need natural green open spaces devoid of buildings, fences, and infrastructure. Fairview Park is a place where people and wildlife can thrive and find balance together.

I do NOT support any revision to the intent of Measure AA, which was to protect the open, shared characteristics of the park.

I do not support any additional fencing in the area that would further reduce public access.

If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, City Council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide open space for people, families, and the community.

Please include this comment in the public record for the November 18, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Jason Miller

Joy Division
965 Union Ave
Costa Mazing, CA 92627

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From: [nancy_grimes](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fw: Fairview Park Master Plan comments
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 2:58:54 PM

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From: nancy grimes <nancy1grimes@yahoo.com>
To: cityclerk@costamesa.gov <cityclerk@costamesa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 02:56:55 PM PST
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan comments

Dear Fairview Park Staff and Costa Mesa City Council,

My husband and I have been residents of Costa Mesa for 25 years. Our home is within walking distance of Fairview Park and we have enjoyed and appreciated it as a nature preserve from the time we moved to our home. The proximity to the park and the Talbert Nature Preserve below the bluff was a major factor in choosing our home. We have spent countless hours walking in the area at all times of the year.

We are in total support of the Fairview Park Alliance and their Mission Statement to preserve, protect and restore the natural habitats at the Park. This area is unique and it should not be negatively impacted by other activities. It is a treasure for the community to be able to walk through and enjoy its natural beauty. There are a multitude of opportunities in Costa Mesa for hobbies and recreational activities without attempting to include them at Fairview Park. Equally for the glider planes - they have multiple locations nearby that can be used.

Thanking you for considering community member comments,

Nancy Grimes

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To: [GREEN, BRENDA](#); [TERAN, STACY](#); [GONZALEZ, GLADYS](#)
Subject: FW: Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 7:33:08 AM

From: all4won@ca.rr.com <all4won@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 8:06 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan

Dear City Council Members,

My husband & I are longtime residents of the city. We purchased our home 30 years ago in part because of its proximity to Fairview Park. We would like to take this opportunity to say that we wholeheartedly support the final draft of the Fairview Park Master Plan.

In addition to relocating the flying field away from the vernal pools, we hope that the days & hours of operation will be restricted to benefit all park users & wildlife.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Fairview Park & the city of Costa Mesa.

Amy & Dennis Litton
874 Darrell St

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Fairview Park
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:31:02 AM

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From: Bonnie <bonnieblu@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2025 5:46 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Fairview Park

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. It should remain open to people without any restrictions due to fencing.

Thank you,
Bonnie Carpenter
Canyon Drive
Costa Mesa 92627

Sent from my iPhone: Bonnie

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do not support fairview park master plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:31:27 AM

From: Jay Sweeney <js92646@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2025 4:21 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerk@costamesaca.co.gov
Subject: I do not support fairview park master plan

Hello Mayor and council members,

I move our family to the freedom track in costa mesa because of the natural beauty of fairview park, concerts in the park, remote plane area, goat hill railroad and this city's commitment to children.

Seems this city is losing its way in regards to children's development in favor of housing development.

Please keep the parks as is

Thank yoy

The Sweeney Family and freedom track homeowners

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I DO NOT support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:27:23 AM

From: Larry Amor <larry_amor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 6:24 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Cc: cityclerk@costamesa.gov
Subject: I DO NOT support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

I **DO NOT** support the current draft Fairview Park master Plan. This plan should be cancelled or deleted. Specific items that need to remain unchanged in Fairview Park include the airplane/glider field (without day/time restriction), the trains, dirt mounds, dog walking and bicycle trails. No new fencing is needed or should be added that could in any way restrict park access.

The character of the park should remain as it is!

Larry Amor

1875 Wren Circle

Mesa Verde upper Bird streets

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
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Subject: FW: I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:26:28 AM

From: cky2k83 (null) <cky2k83@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 8:20 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem,
Councilmembers,

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider

canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you,
Jeremy Lemke
2271 pacific, Costa Mesa

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
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Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:28:45 AM

From: Jennifer Reyes <jenreyes1@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 3:41 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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Thank you,
James Cleveland
Mesa Verde resident

James Cleveland

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the draft Fairview park master plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:30:20 AM

From: Brittany Bean <britt3608@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 12:59 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the draft Fairview park master plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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Thank you,

Brittany Bean

Joann Street

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:30:48 AM

From: preston hiramoto <plhiramoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2025 7:15 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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Specifically, the Harbor Soaring Society has helped me in numerous ways and has set a foundation for my education and career as a college student. In high school, HSS was the key factor in receiving an engineering internship. During an HSS event, I connected with an engineer who recently had a slot open for an internship for his engineering startup. Eventually, I applied for the internship and received the opportunity to intern for him. This was my first experience in the professional engineering field, but also the start of my engineering career. I learned countless practical skills along with an education that directly applied in the engineering field. Now, as an undergraduate student at San Diego State University studying mechanical engineering, I've realized how important that internship actually was to me. First, it gave me an opportunity to learn professional engineering skills while in high school, skills like soldering, welding, etc. This gave me an advantage for college applications while boosting my resume. Next, during my studies here at SDSU, I've realized how lucky I was to receive an education from the internship. My peers never had that opportunity to receive such a high education so young in their careers. I still apply the

skills I learned, and it has become a foundation for my education. Without HSS, I wouldn't have been able to receive skills and an education that will still stay with me for the rest of my career. Without knowing it, HSS was the spark that started my career, and it has educated me more than a textbook could ever teach me. This is why I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan.

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Thank you,

Preston Hiramoto

92657

949-680-8744

plhiramoto@gmail.com

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
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Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:59:56 AM

From: Kevin G <kagolch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:57 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you,
Amir Golchin
Mesa Verde (Upper Birds)
310-569-3223

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:46:59 PM

From: Jessica Norman <jlsporty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:31 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the draft Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I do not support this draft plan and its removal of community-focused activity. I specifically object to restrictions that remove our ability to attend concerts in the park, for our children to ride their bikes on the dirt mounds, for our ability to walk our dogs in nature, and for the goat hill junction where we've attended several birthday parties and my children LOVE to visit when they're open.

We're running out of places for our children to play, for us to ride bikes without getting hit by cars, and for our dogs to have a place to get fresh air and enjoy a decent quality of life. We're pushing kids to learn to ride bikes in the streets and I, for one, am sick to my stomach reading about e-bike after e-bike accident. Let's keep space where kids can have freedom to roam and play without getting hit by a car.

Fairview park should remain a shared space that both protects wildlife and continues to provide room for families and community activities to exist.

Please include this comment in the public record for the Nov. 18 City Council Meeting.

Thanks,

Jessica Norman

Costa Mesa Resident & mom of 3 and 6 year old boys and a 10 year old dog - all of whom LOVE Fairview Park.

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Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:47:13 PM

From: Ashley Darrow <ashleydarrow37@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:29 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you,
Ashley Darrow
Costa Mesa, CA

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From: [Carrougner, Andrea](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT SUPPORT the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:31:34 PM
Importance: High

Mayor, Mayor Pro Team, and City Council members,

As a homeowner on Joann St in Costa Mesa our family utilizes Fairview Park on the daily. We walk our dog, concerts in the park, ride bikes through the park to the Santa Ana River trail, and find that this park is such a beautiful part of our daily lives and brings us such peace. Not being able to have this access to Fairview Park would be a detriment to our livelihood.

I do not support the current draft Fairview Park Master Plan; such as any new fencing to reduce public access.

If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectation, City Council should consider cancelling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared place that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public records for Nov 18th City Council Meeting.

Thanks

Andrea Carrougner
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To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Message
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:46:31 PM

From: happycruzer@gmail.com <happycruzer@gmail.com> **On Behalf Of** Andreas Arpiarian
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; ccityclerk@costamesaca.gov
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Message

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. I respectfully ask that significant changes be made so the community can continue the long-standing uses that make Fairview Park such an important shared space. The Plan should clearly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. It should also direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and in full compliance.

I do not support any new fencing that would reduce public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the open, shared character that defines Fairview Park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be updated to reflect the community's uses and expectations, I encourage the City Council to consider canceling the Master Plan Update and keeping the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan in place.

Fairview Park should remain a space that protects sensitive wildlife while continuing to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Andreas Arpiarian

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Message
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:46:18 PM

From: Mark Willingham <markdubbs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:34 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Message

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

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Thank you,
Mark Willingham
Costa Mesa, 92627

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do not support the draft Fairview Park master plan.
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:18:21 PM

From: Kathy Miller <kds2lv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:41 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do not support the draft Fairview Park master plan.

Mayor Protem, and council members:

I do not support the current draft Fairview Park master plan please make major changes so that the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location concerts in the park the dirt mounds, bicycle, and dog walking trail access, and the goat Hill Junction railroad

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. I do not support any revision should honor the intent of Measure AA.

If the draft plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, city council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 master plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families and community activities

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Thank you,

Kathy and David Miller
Lower Mesa Verde
Costa Mesa

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:27:04 AM

From: Matt Baba <mattjoshb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 6:31 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

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Thank you

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Matt Babazadeh

From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do not support the Fairview plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:24:58 AM

From: Jenette Voz <dreams_falling_apart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:22 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do not support the Fairview plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem,
Councilmembers,

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Jenette VOZENILEK

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose park plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:28:32 AM

From: Aaron Liddell <hbdieselboy@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 3:42 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Oppose park plan

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

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Aaron Liddell
714-926-5980

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: SAVE FAIRVIEW PARK
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:48:00 PM

From: Laura- Other <lboyko_98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:14 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: SAVE FAIRVIEW PARK

Please do not mess with fairview park and all the enjoyment it brings to the community!
We love the park! Concerts! goathill is a highlight for my kids

“They paved paradise and put up a parking lot...
Took all the trees and put them in a tree museum...”

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ratQlft_G5c&pp=0gcJCR4Bo7VqN5tD

Thank you,
Laura Arcaris

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:26:42 AM

From: Debby Koken <deborah.koken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2025 7:46 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Cc: FVPMP <FVPMP@costamesaca.gov>; PACS Comments <PACSComments@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update

To the Costa Mesa Mayor, City Council, City Staff, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners:

I support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update. It presents clear, scientific findings to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use, as the residents of Costa Mesa overwhelmingly voted to do in Measure AA, and as the city is legally obligated to do.

Remote control planes and illegal trail use are incompatible and destructive activities. They have serious impacts on habitat and on the beauty and recreational value of Fairview Park.

Like the vast majority of Costa Mesa residents, I support the recommendations made by the City's Master Planning expert consultants, the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the PACS commission, the resource agencies, and requirements of Federal law, to protect habitats by stopping high impact glider and off-trail activities and preserve the 7 miles of trails for low-impact human recreation in the Master Plan Update.

I urge you to allocate more funding to Fairview Park to increase rule enforcement, restoration, and programming.

Thank you,
Deborah Koken
Costa Mesa

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Vote YES on the Fairview (NATURE) Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:19:41 PM

From: R Hillary Willett <willetttrhillary@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:09 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Vote YES on the Fairview (NATURE) Park Master Plan Update

Dear Costa Mesa Mayor, Councilmembers, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners,

I'm a lifelong trail runner and hiker who grew up in the foothills of the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys.

Work opportunities brought me to Orange County where I "discovered" the trails of Bolsa Chica (HB), Newport Back Bay (NB), Peters Canyon (Tustin/Orange), Bommer Canyon (Irvine), Fairview Park (Costa Mesa), and many more — all of them situated within or adjoining urban areas.

There can be no argument that, today, Orange County's cities have extremely limited open, natural habitat space remaining. What exists MUST be preserved for our own environmental well-being as well as for the protection of the wildlife that, fortunately, remains in our midst.

Support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update and uphold the overwhelming wishes of the public for Fairview Park to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use.

Glider airplane flying is incompatible within this nature space. It must be prohibited, along with all illegal trail use.

Preserve the seven miles of trails for low-impact recreation in the Master Plan Update and approve funding for fencing, patrolling, and enforcement regarding off-trail areas.

Last, but not least, please recognize this important gem within Costa Mesa and rename it "Fairview Nature Park."

Thank you,

From: [Jo Miller Loves](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Fwd: I DO NOT SUPPORT the draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:50:00 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers,

I do NOT support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so that the community, residents and "at risk" critical wildlife can continue to benefit the long-standing uses that Fairview Park provides.

Year round - this area is frequented by individuals, groups, families from sunrise to sunset as a tiny corner of much needed nature. Open space, Concerts in the Park, Biking, walking, running, nature trails, Model Airplaning, the Goat Hill junction model railroad, bird watching, photography enthusiasts to name a few. As a community member and family I/we frequent this area constantly because of the open space beauty it provides. And having this area in close proximity was a considerable factor in choosing to purchase a home in this area.

This area is also home to an entire ecosystem of animal, plant, flora life, migratory birds and the people that enjoy them. A critical part of nature and wildlife that does not have a voice in the protection of their habitat. We must be that voice and steward.

We have so little green space and so much concrete and over development. People need natural green open spaces devoid of buildings, fences, infrastructure. Fairview Park is one place for people AND wildlife to thrive and find balance together.

I do NOT support any revision to the intent of Measure AA which was to protect the open, shared characteristics of the park.

I do NOT support any additional fencing to the area that further reduces public access.

If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, City Council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide open space for people, families and community.

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Thank you,
Jo Miller
Resident/Home Owner/Nature Lover /Member of Freedom Home Community
Costa Mesa

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Aerial Photographic Evidence
Documenting Dates of Historical
Hobby Flying
in Fairview Park

Fairview Park Costa Mesa



Mar. 1968
No Evidence of Significant
Bluff Flying



Mar. 1970
No Evidence of Significant
Bluff Flying



Dec. 1972
No Evidence of Significant
Bluff Flying



Dec. 1974
First Evidence of
Bluff Glider Flying
(Vegetation Death and Soil
Compaction)

Source: From Fairchild
Aerial Photo Library

Departure from Mile Square Park Fountain Valley

May 1994

US Navy Airfield
Land Later Used For
Model Flying Field
and to Expand
Golf Course

Fountain Valley in 1999 replaced a model airplane field at Mile Square Park with a golf course expansion. Many of the fliers relocated to Fairview Park.

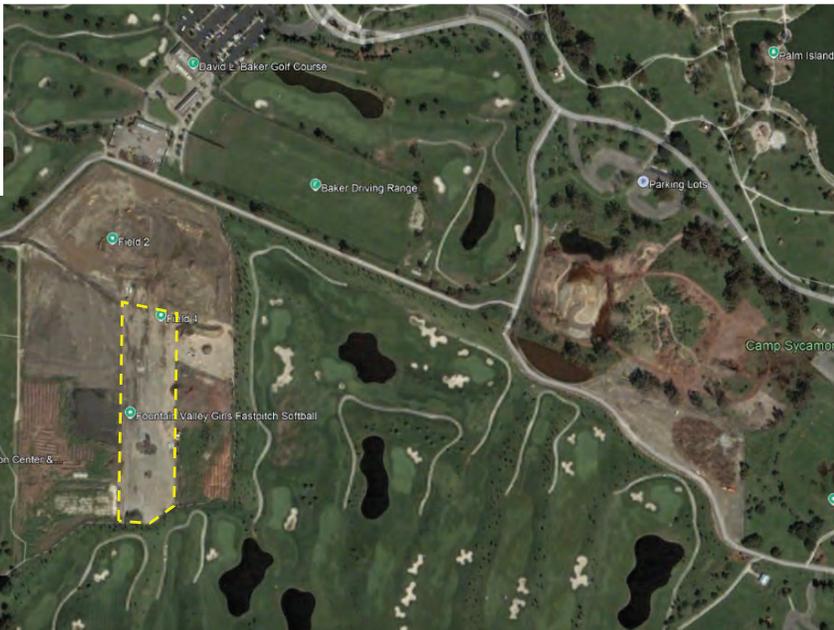
The local spot is best known for its "thermals," said Karl Hawley, president of Harbor Soaring Society. The term refers to columns of rising warm air - the kind birds often circle around on.

(714) 445-6689 or
bmartinez@ocregister.com



April 2003

Remaining
Fly Field
Prior to
Demolition for
Softball Fields



November 2003

Fly Field Gone as
Grading for
Softball Fields is
Underway



Source:
Google Earth

Fairview Park Costa Mesa

October 1995

Glider Launch Lines
through Vernal Pool.
Destruction of Bluff
Soils and Vegetation



December 2004
A graded Fly Field
Does Not Exist

Large Vernal Pool
Restored
HSS Destruction of
Bluff Soils and
Vernal Pool 7 for
Landing and
Parking



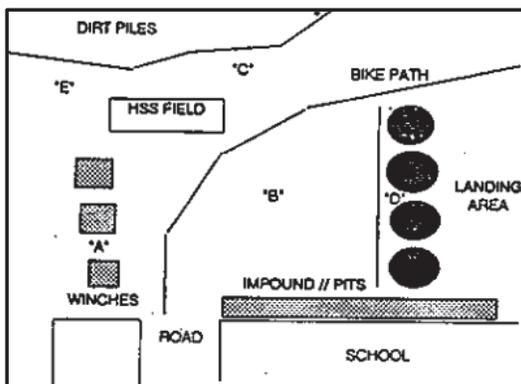
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PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

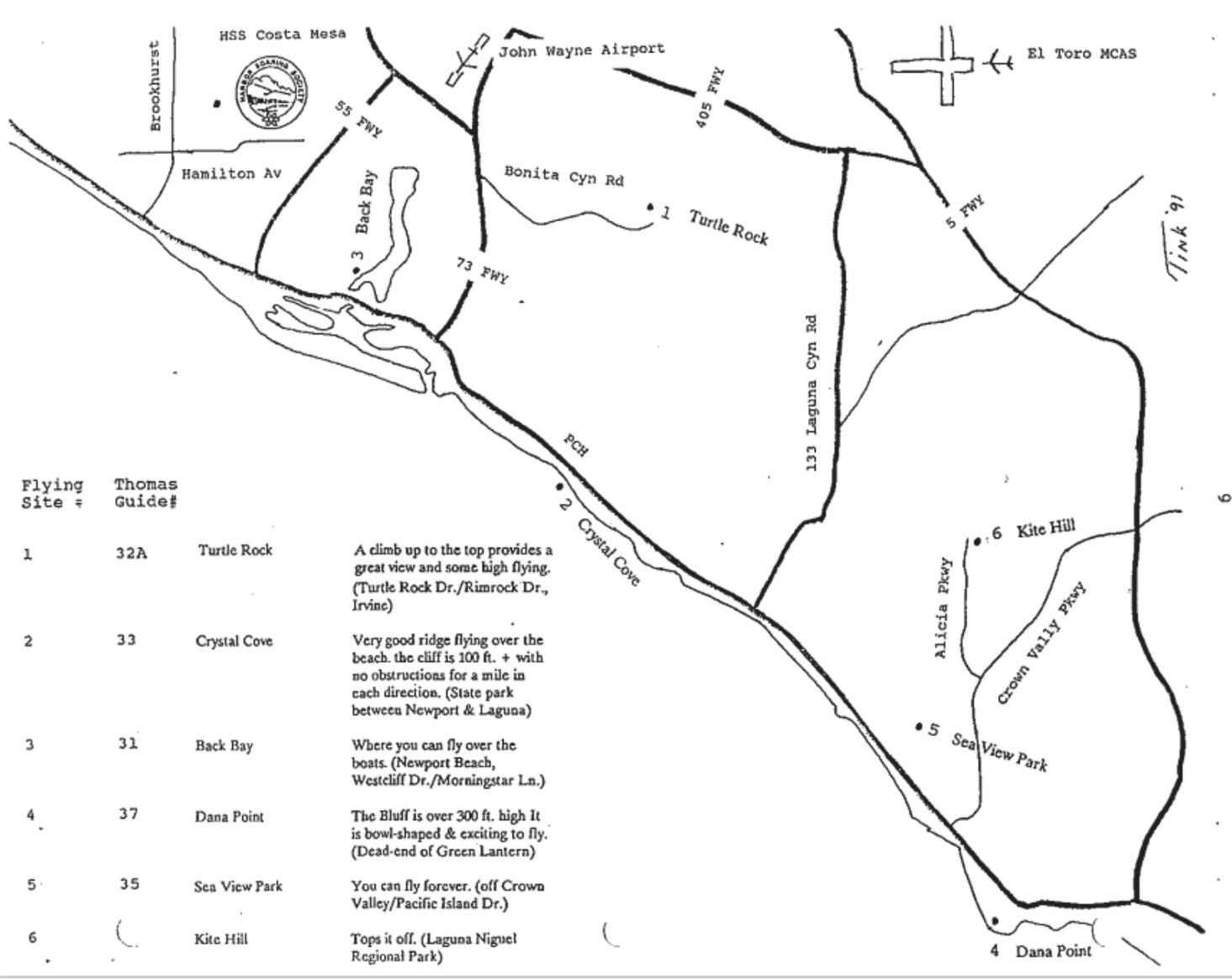
Pilots who cause damage to another's aircraft through rules violation must pay for the damage.

July 1998 HSS Newsletter

Jan. 1992 and Sept. 1995
HSS Newsletters



HSS Flying Areas Used as indicated in September 1991 Newsletter



Flying Site #	Thomas Guide#	Location	Description
1	32A	Turtle Rock	A climb up to the top provides a great view and some high flying. (Turtle Rock Dr./Rimrock Dr., Irvine)
2	33	Crystal Cove	Very good ridge flying over the beach. the cliff is 100 ft. + with no obstructions for a mile in each direction. (State park between Newport & Laguna)
3	31	Back Bay	Where you can fly over the boats. (Newport Beach, Westcliff Dr./Morningstar Ln.)
4	37	Dana Point	The Bluff is over 300 ft. high It is bowl-shaped & exciting to fly. (Dead-end of Green Lantern)
5	35	Sea View Park	You can fly forever. (off Crown Valley/Pacific Island Dr.)
6		Kite Hill	Tops it off. (Laguna Niguel Regional Park)

Tink '91

The Slope Is Dead...Long Live The Slope!

The inevitable bulldozers have arrived at the Backbay and so another premier S. Cal slope site falls to "progress". The Backbay was the HSS site when the wind was "blowing south" and could those tropical stormfront winds blow! Days of fibresleds loaded to the servo clearances with lead... pumping, rolling, split-S-ing in formation all the while one looks out over the beautiful Newport Harbor are now but a memory. While HSS retains the Estancia site with its great accessibility and landing areas, we have lost our "southwind site". Between the 2 locations we had 70% of the prevailing wind covered, although often with some frustration when the wind split the difference at about 205 degrees!

So what do we do about it? Place our Airticks, Tornados, Piranhas, and other assorted lawndarts on a shelf immersed in a block of epoxy to be gawked at by our children's children as an ancient lost art of the good old days? Reading QFI and other mags it's clear nationally slope is as strong today as ever owing to the variety of activities (combat, PSS, racing, scale, thermal, etc.) it can support and beginners it attracts. Alternative HSS sites are needed.

So what makes a great alternative site...let's see...southwinds...beautiful view... a better orientation to those 205 degree wind splits.... With this in mind Lynn "Piranha Rudolf" Johansen and I set off to check out a rumored Crystal Cove site. Now some will say this is pretty low adventure having "been there done that" years ago, but with both of us living almost directly between Estancia and Backbay - neither one of us had ever needed to venture out!

So with some surprise we discovered a great site! Crystal Cove/Reef Point is a "bowl with a point" giving lift on two sides from southwest to south blowing winds. If anything it compliments Estancia better than Backbay ever did because the 205 degree winds are not a problem! Overlooking a quiet beach (*Read: no water landings*) one fellow soarer had his wife and kids camped at the bottom and climbed the steps (*Read: no dangerous pathways*) up to the top occasionally to fly. And for the "soarhounds", the local flyers report "summertime views" almost as nice as at the base of Torrey Pines State Beach!

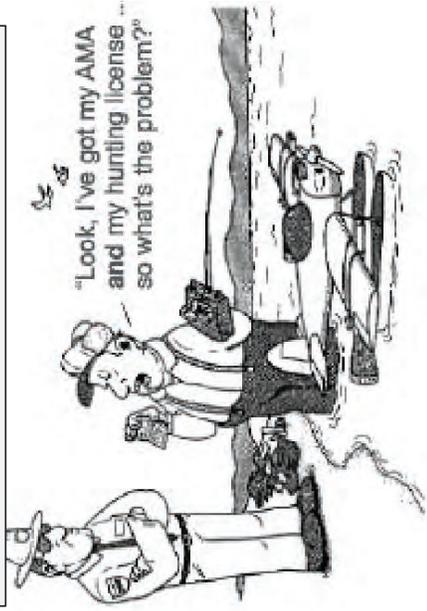
OK enough hype, what's not so good with the site? Landings and a \$6 State Park single entrance fee. While there is plenty of room to land, it is covered with "protected coastal plantlife". So build those leading edges strong! Entrance fees are charged til about 3pm so come late if you wish to just sample the action. An annual pass (\$75 for first vehicle, \$20 for second... it sounds like \$45 for two!) is the "way to go". The Local Flyers are friendly, perhaps having been protected from our typical Estancia crowds by the entrance fee.

Getting there is fairly easy after you get through Corona Del Mar. Those coming in on the 55/73 freeways have an advantage of hooking around the whole CDM mess via Newport Coast Drive. Go south on PCH 1.5 miles past Newport Coast Drive then turn towards the ocean at the sign that says "Crystal Cove State Park Reef Point Entrance". In the parking lot turn right if the wind is from the west and left if it is from the south. It's cool, check it out.

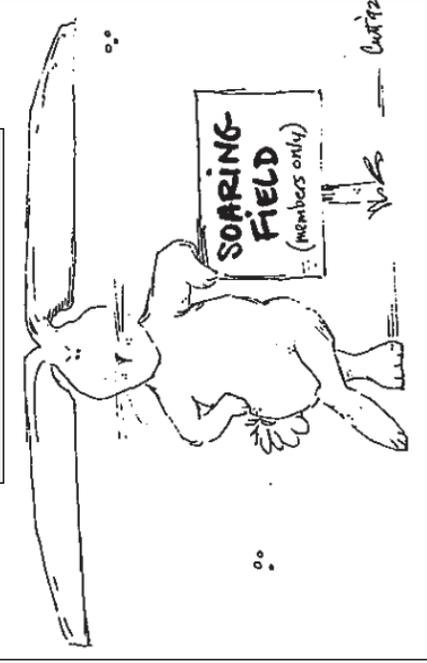
Long Live The Slope!

Cartoons from Various HSS Newsletters and their Depicted HSS's Environmental Attitudes

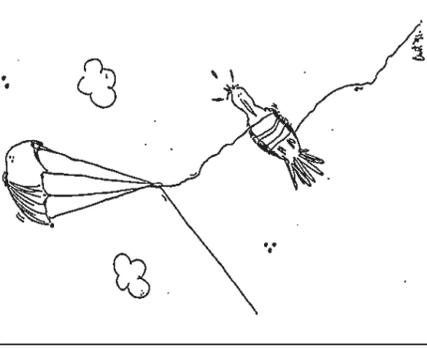
HSS is above the law and can do what they want.



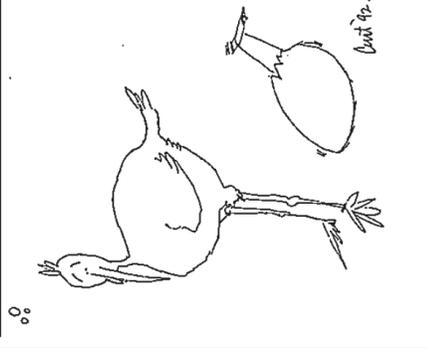
Wildlife is not welcome here



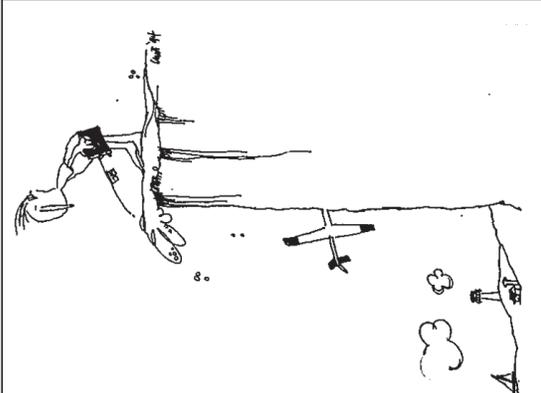
Protect birds (after harming)



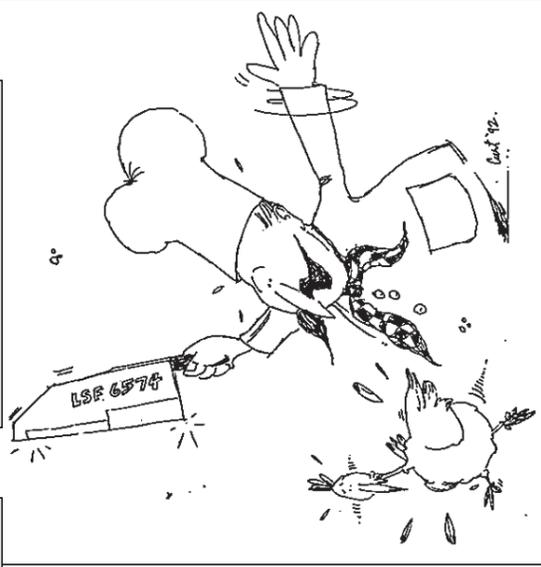
Birds need to evolve to HSS



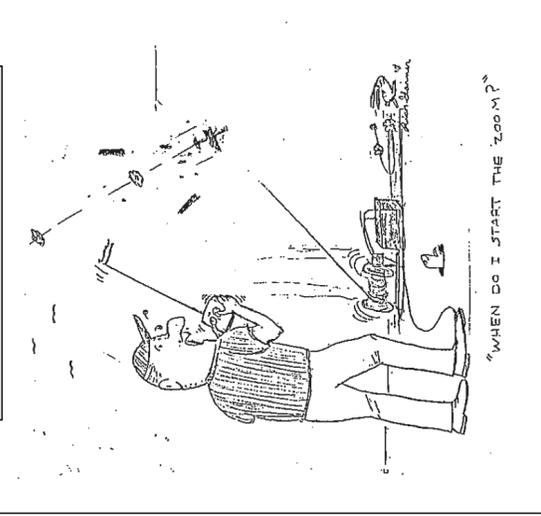
HSS puts the park and themselves at risk



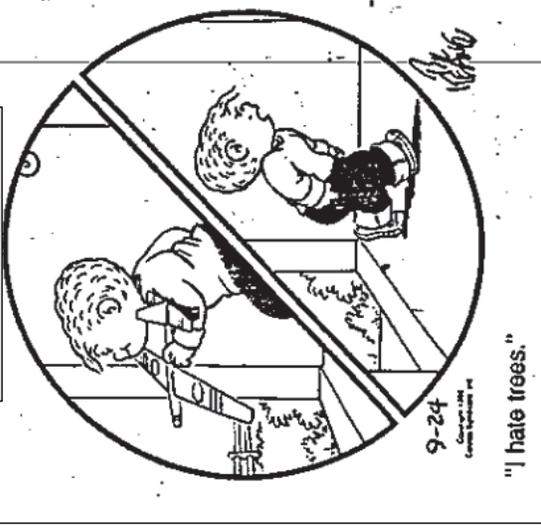
HSS can harm intentionally



HSS is blind to their impacts



Nature is in HSS's Way



From: [Kelly and Ron Siegel](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the DFPMP
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 8:49:13 PM

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Thank you,
Kelly and Ron Siegel
Mesa Verde-Balearic
714-785-6585

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From: [Melanie Connell](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 2:38:26 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

We live on Joann street in Westside Cost Mesa and use Fairview park often for nature walks, sunset walks, and walks with our dogs.

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Thank you,

Melanie Connell PT, MPT, MTC, CHC
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melanie@remedypt.com
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From: [Whitney McLearie](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 9:57:40 PM

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Thank you,
Whitney McLearie, Canyon Park Resident
303-489-9885

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [eddie.lee](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Pla
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:26:16 PM

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Thank you,

Eddie Lee
Freedom Homes Residence

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From: [Wendy Laurie](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 8:30:59 AM

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Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities. Maintaining this shared use of the park is the best way to ensure continued support, appreciation, and care for this special place.

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Thank you,
Wendy Russo
West Side Costa Mesa
Sent from my iPad

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From: [Henry Smith III](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 2:33:09 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revisions should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park. **I believe it is possible to work out a compromise allowing continued public access as well as making portions of the park into a preserve.**

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Respectfully,

Henry A. Smith III

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From: [Lanaye Smith](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 3:36:24 PM

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Thank you,

Lanaye Smith

freedom home tract 92627

949-244-6549

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From: [preston hiramoto](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 7:16:00 PM

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Specifically, the Harbor Soaring Society has helped me in numerous ways and has set a foundation for my education and career as a college student. In high school, HSS was the key factor in receiving an engineering internship. During an HSS event, I connected with an engineer who recently had a slot open for an internship for his engineering startup. Eventually, I applied for the internship and received the opportunity to intern for him. This was my first experience in the professional engineering field, but also the start of my engineering career. I learned countless practical skills along with an education that directly applied in the engineering field. Now, as an undergraduate student at San Diego State University studying mechanical engineering, I've realized how important that internship actually was to me. First, it gave me an opportunity to learn professional engineering skills while in high school, skills like soldering, welding, etc. This gave me an advantage for college applications while boosting my resume. Next, during my studies here at SDSU, I've realized how lucky I was to receive an education from the internship. My peers never had that opportunity to receive such a high education so young in their careers. I still apply the

skills I learned, and it has become a foundation for my education. Without HSS, I wouldn't have been able to receive skills and an education that will still stay with me for the rest of my career. Without knowing it, HSS was the spark that started my career, and it has educated me more than a textbook could ever teach me. This is why I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan.

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Thank you,

Preston Hiramoto

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plhiramoto@gmail.com

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From: [Rosemary Miller](#)
To: [CITY CLERK; citycouncil@costamesaca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@costamesaca.gov)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 7:43:21 AM

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Thank you,

Rosemary Miller Upper Birds 92626

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From: [Susanne Heinkel](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
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Thank you,

Sue Heinkel

Mesa Verde (Lower Birds)

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From: [Jillian Rogers](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
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Thank You,

Jillian Rogers, Costa Mesa

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From: [James Cleveland](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
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Thank you,
James Cleveland
Mesa Verde resident

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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 3:25:56 PM

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Thank you,
Daiquiri Scherer
Canyon Park, 92627
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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
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Thank you,
Courtney Adam Pollock
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Corey Pollock
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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
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PSS: anyone who would support this obviously isn't a part of this community and has no idea what community is and shouldn't be able to vote on changing anything. This is as bad as the street circles and deviders somebody put in, spent local taxes on then had to take out after they didn't do anything.

Thank you,
Mickey Kennedy
Costa Mesa, 92627
714 719 5039

Mickey Kennedy

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Thank you,
Michaela Lane
92627
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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I DO NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 6:07:27 PM

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Thank you,
Danielle Cleveland
Mesa Verde resident

Danielle Cleveland

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From: [Matt Baba](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 6:31:34 PM

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Thank you

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Matt Babazadeh
M: 949-378-2438

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From: [Rita Wine](#)
To: citycouncil@costmesaca.gov; [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do not support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 6:40:29 PM

To Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members:

I've lived for nearly fifty years In Costa Mesa . My husband & I chose this city because of its freedoms it offers its citizens over that of Irvine - less regulations and restrictions. I' ve always appreciated the openness of Fairview park. Open to all! The walking trails, bike areas for local kids, the gliders, dog friendly areas, concerts in the park and , of course, the the model train rides which my family and I have enjoyed over the years. The new proposed master plan change seems very restrictive. Taking away more of the amenities the park offers to the city citizens. Scrub that plan. Retain the 2008 Master plan that the citizens approved years ago. Include my comments in the Nov. 18 City Council meeting record. Please do not Irvine-nize our special city. Keep Costa Mesa Costa Mesa.

Thank You,

Rita Wine
Westside Costa Mesa

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Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
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Thank you,
Melvin Chow
Costa Mesa CA 92627

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To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
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Thank you,
Jami Jackson
Westside Costa Mesa
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To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 11:49:09 PM

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Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, community activities, and music concerts.

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Thank you,
Honey Jimenez Schmidt
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From: [Robert Chatwin](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:14:26 AM

I walk my dogs around Fairview Park a few times a week. I recently noticed more fencing installed to limit the use of Fairview Park. I learned this is so the city can receive money from the state and the city plans to pay city bills and salaries with these funds.

Fairview Park is a shared space and should remain that way.

he 2008 Fairview Master Plan should remain in place.

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Thank you,
Robert Chatwin
Freedom Home Track

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From: [Bob Phillips](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:21:12 AM

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Thank you,
Robert Phillips
Mission Viejo, CA

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From: thegrahams4@ca.rr.com
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:59:33 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers,

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. The park is not just the city's but the surrounding communities which use it every single day of the year!! Any revisions should honor the intent of Measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park. Measure AA was overwhelmingly supported by the voters of Costa Mesa in 2016. A whopping 71% voted YES on Measure AA.

If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, City Council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan!!

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Thank you,
Michele Graham
Redwing Circle
Costa Mesa

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From: [Craig Colligan](#)
To: [CITY CLERK; citycouncil@costameasca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@costameasca.gov)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 8:35:19 AM

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Thank you,

Craig Colligan
Boa Vista Drive
Costa Mesa, CA

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From: [Jennifer Webb](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I DO NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:07:27 AM

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I am writing to let you know that, as a lifelong Costa Mesa resident and frequent user of Fairview Park, I do not support the proposed Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please preserve long-standing community uses such as the Model Glider Field, walking paths, BMX mounds, Concerts in the Park, and the model railroad. I am against fencing that reduces public access. This area should remain a shared space for the community while protecting the wildlife. Any revision should honor the intent of Measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park.

Thank you.

Jennifer Webb
Mesa Verde

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From: [Ashley Darrow](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
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Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 12:29:42 PM

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Thank you,
Ashley Darrow
Costa Mesa, CA

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From: [david.ross](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 1:13:21 PM

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Thank you,
David Ross, Costa Mesa upper bird streets resident

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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
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Thank you,
Nancy Ross, Costa Mesa upper bird streets resident

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From: [Jason Carrougher](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT SUPPORT the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:16:22 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Team, and City Council member

Please include this comment in the public records for Nov 18th City Council Meeting.

I do not support the current draft Fairview Park Master Plan; such as any new fencing to reduce public access.

As a homeowner on Joann St in Costa Mesa our family utilizes Fairview Park on the daily. We walk our dog, concerts in the park, ride bikes through the park to the Santa Ana River trail, and find that this park is such a beautiful part of our daily lives and brings us such peace. Not being able to have this access to Fairview Park would be a detriment to our livelihood.

If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectation, City Council should consider cancelling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared place that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families and community activities.

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From: [Eva Lee](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:57:41 PM

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Thank you,
Eva Lee
Fullerton, CA 92831

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Best Regards,
Eva

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From: [Janet Barker](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I DO NOT Support the Draft Fairview park Master Plan.
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:56:37 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

The park is supposed to be a park, not a nature preserve. It should be for families, children who want to ride their bikes, take their dogs for a walk, etc.

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Janet Barker

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From: jonzich@gmail.com
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Cc: [Mike Buley](#); [Jeff Pettis](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 6:26:13 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

The following language sufficiently describes my recommendation. I do NOT support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do NOT support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park. If you're going to keep a jewel like Fairview Park locked up in a safe, you might as well not even have it. Use it responsibly and safely, and invite the community in to enjoy it, not discourage their uses at every turn.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

Jon Zich
VERY long time resident of Costa Mesa

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From: [June McCartin](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 5:26:48 PM

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Team and Council members,

I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, the family friendly and very popular Concerts in the Park, the dirt mounds where children enjoy bike riding, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, and the iconic Goat Hill Junction Railroad.

I also do NOT support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the intent of Measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, City Council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan as presented.

As a sixty year resident of Mesa Verde and a member of the first graduating class of Estancia High School, I believe Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

Please include my comments in the public record for the November 18th City Council meeting.

Thank you,
June Elsten
2861 Europa Drive

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From: [Robert R Wine](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do not support the Fairview Park draft master plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:54:53 AM

Mayor and Councilmembers:

Fairview Park is an urban park. As its primary purpose is recreational, it makes no sense to me to try to turn it into some kind of nature preserve. It's not an estuary, which is a unique habitat and should be reserved for nature. It's merely open space that can be comfortably used by both people and animals.

I've lived in Costa Mesa for a little over fifty years. Costa Mesa city councils in the past have generally made very good decisions. Please don't make a bad decision here by adopting this Draft Master Plan for Fairview Park.

Sincerely,

Robert Wine
1933 Republic Ave.
Costa Mesa 92627
949-554-5503

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From: [Thomas Sohriakoff](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 4:19:20 PM

Sent from I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

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From: [Andy Campbell](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [DALTON, KELLY M.](#)
Cc: [BROWN, KELLY](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [GRUNER, BRIAN](#); [Kohl Crecelius](#); [Bo Glover](#)
Subject: Master Plan Update for HSS History
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 8:47:29 PM
Attachments: [HSS History in Aerial Photos and Newsletters.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Dalton:

The discussion of HSS History in the draft 2025 Fairview Park Master Plan is oversimplified and disagrees with documentation. I would ask that the Master Plan be updated based on dates and locations of HSS flying history based on the following information derived from historical aerial photographs (see attached annotated images) and from in the HSS newsletter archived online. While the information below may not all be needed for the master plan, I wanted to give expanded context for consideration.

Sincerely

Andy Campbell

Fairview Park Chair from 2017 to 2014

The draft 2025 Fairview Park Master Plan should correct the history of HSS in the park to indicate their presence is not documented until 1974 and that prior to that HSS's dominant flying area was overlooking Newport Harbor/Back Bay. The HSS history should also note that the club's existence has always been a struggle for existence. HSS was formed after a chance meeting of two men while flying near Newport Harbor and Newport Back Bay in the early 1960s. A founding member of the club states the flying site at the harbor was instrumental in the formation of the Club. The HSS AMA charter is from 1962, but that is not when HSS activities first occurred in Fairview Park. The original home of their club was Newport Harbor (thus the name Harbor Soaring Society). Fairview Park only became the prime HSS location in the early 1970s after gradually losing their soaring and flying sites in Newport Beach and Irvine. You can hear that history on YouTube from the founding president.

[HSS Origins - Frank Colver 2014 Presentation. Harbor Soaring Society 2014.](#)





HSS Origins - Frank Colver 2014 Presentation.
Harbor Soaring Society 2014

December 1974 is the first date of an aerial photograph showing evidence of club scale flying activities on the Fairview bluff. The evidenced in the 1974 aerial photograph is bluff top damage from flying, namely trampled vegetation, compacted soils, and increased erosion. Early aerial photographs of the same area from 1968, 1970, and 1972 do not show these ground disturbances and indicate that flying off the bluff could not have been of significance in those years.

In its January 1975 newsletter, HSS refers to the bluff site as the Estancia site and other times as the Estancia High School field. Prior to 1974, individuals may have flown the bluff and later become HSS members as the club grew. There are no HSS newsletters archived pre-1975. The February 1975 newsletter mentions the club is worried about losing the Estancia High School site due to use of the school's baseball fields (for baseball games) and suggests using the rougher bluff area west of the elementary school (now Waldorf). This suggested that in early 1975 there was not yet a club consensus as to the precise flying site along the mesa with activities occurring at the high school and the bluff.

In a 1995 aerial photograph HSS activities include glider launches using several winch lines set back from the bluff at a time or significant disturbance in the park from dumping of construction debris in the large vernal pool. The winch launch can be seen in the 1995 aerial photograph as linear vegetation loss along several straight lines fanning out toward the bluff and through the large vernal pool. This winch area was abandoned by HSS due to the 1996 restoration of the large vernal pool to protect its population of endangered San Diego Fairy Shrimp. The January 1996 HSS newsletter article "the slope is dead . . . long live the slope!" (attached), HSS struggles with the possible loss of its original Back Bay flying site and considers where it would move to. HSS considers adding Corona Del Mar and in 1991 documents other fly fields it is using with a map (attached)

The apparent end of glider bluff slope flying was exacerbated in 2000, when Talbert Park trees planted at the bluff base degraded thermal uplifts making the bluffs unfavorable to glider flying. Radio control airplane flying in the park increased due to the 1999 closure of the nearby fly field at Mile Square Park to make way for new golf course holes and softball fields. The club began to report more on RC planes in their 2000 and 2001 newsletters and worried again about the club's future and noise complaints from powered motor plants. A graded earth fly field in Fairview Park was petitioned and first created in Fairview Park in 2005 and then enlarged in 2009.

Gliders and RC planes coexisted in Fairview Park with the development of the landing strip.

In 2017, the City of Costa Mesa (City) formed the Fairview Park Steering Committee with the purpose of updating the park's masterplan. The committee consider the parks highest use to be a nature park and found the HSS activities to be incompatible with wildlife and endangered species preservation in the park. While negotiations between the City, the committee and HSS occurred, flying continued and HSS researched potential relocation sites. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, in March of 2020 the City closed Fairview Park to all uses. In 2023, glider flying was again allowed by the City but motorized airplanes were expressly prohibited. In 2025, the Steering Committee and Parks and Community Service Commission continue to agree with State and Federal resource agencies that HSS should be relocated from the park.

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From: [Christen Logue](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: My family and I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 12:40:20 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. I respectfully request major changes so our community can continue the long standing uses that make Fairview Park a valued and shared public space. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad, and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any new fencing that would reduce public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and preserve the open, shared character that has defined Fairview Park for decades.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, I urge the City Council to consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife while continuing to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you,
Christy Logue and Family
Freedom Homes Neighborhood
92627

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From: [Justin M](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: NO on the Draft Fairview Park master plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 10:16:47 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

Growing up in the Upper Bird streets, these plans I believe hurt the community and my own experiences at Fairview Park. So many amazing memories have come from it and restricting movement from within the park will make everything to stale. It has helped me take nature walks, up close to the plants. It's a safe space for me.

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Thank you,
Justin Marroquin
Upper Birds Streets

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From: [Melanie Connell](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: No on the Fairview park master plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 2:39:18 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

We live on Joann street in Westside Cost Mesa and use Fairview park often for nature walks, sunset walks, and walks with our dogs.

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Thank you,

Melanie Connell PT, MPT, MTC, CHC
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melanie@remedypt.com
www.remedypt.com

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From: [Susan Kim](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Re: Fairview Park
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 9:53:27 PM

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Thank you,
Susan Broaddus
92627

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From: [Susan Manildi](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [Susan Manildi](#)
Subject: Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 4:14:15 PM

My family and I do NOT , NOT, NOT (as in NEVER). NOT, NOT want the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan to become a reality. I have lived in Orange county for 63 years and California for 78 years. We don't want Costa Mesa to become another city where people are not the most important occupants. We want the people to be first. Keep those politicians out who have their own agendas out; keep the people who don't live and thrive here out of our city decision making (profit making). who just want. Costa Mesa is a nice, quiet , nature and people nurturing place to live. Let's not let our city be taken away from us by those wanting to dismantle a the pleasures of living in this quiet little Costa Mesa as we now behold it. Don't mess up our Costa Mesa.

Pls put this comment in public record. Thank you. Susan Manildi Costa Mesa resident



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From: [jake.underwood](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 3:36:54 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

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continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, the dirt mounds, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad.

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Thank you,

Jake Underwood
West side Costa Mesa

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From: [Connie Chang](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 11:10:38 PM

Dear Costa Mesa Mayor, City Council, City Staff, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners,

I support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update and potential subsequent allocation of funding to increase enforcement against illegal activity occurring in the park.

I grew up in Huntington Beach in the 80s, where my family would drive to Fairview Park as its unique location invites anyone who is geographically connected via Santa Ana River Trail and its surroundings. The park is unparalleled in its beauty and ecological importance, inspiring me to contribute to its recent habitat restoration initiative even after several decades.

Activities such as the HSS field have some value for hobbyists. However, agency recommendations and findings confirm that these areas overlapping with habitat are rare, fragile, and irreplaceable. Once a natural area is lost, it is impossible to rebuild and replicate. Our best step is conservation and protecting what remains so that future generations — human and non-human — can continue to benefit from it, as stated in the City's Open Space Master Plan.

Similarly, I'd also like to acknowledge that the informal bike mounds and off-trail unsanctioned pathways constructed by unauthorized enthusiasts were never part of the park's intended or approved use. Allowing these practices would be promoting illegal activity and violate the protections that Fairview Park is obligated to uphold.

It's my sincere hope as a professional to find solutions where people continue to enjoy their recreational traditions, while also honoring our legal responsibilities to the park environment. An old, established practice does not mean it was a correct practice. Social change can be hard for people to adapt to, but human-induced change is even harder on the natural world which has been in balance for millennia – one in which organisms have no way of adapting quickly to human disturbances.

I support the recommendations by the City's Master Planning expert consultants, Fairview Park Steering Committee, PACS commission, resource agencies, state and federal law, to protect habitat by ceasing model aircraft and off-trail activities, while preserving the 7 miles of trails for low-impact recreation outlined in the Master Plan Update.

Respectfully,
Connie Chang, CA PLA #7098, ASLA

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To: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 11:14:30 PM

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From: [H.S](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:42:09 AM

Dear Costa Mesa Mayor, City Council, City Staff, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners,

I support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update. It presents clear, scientific findings that uphold the public's wishes for Fairview Park to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use. Glider airplane flying and illegal trail use have high impacts on habitats and are incompatible, destructive activities at Fairview Park.

I support the recommendations made by the City's Master Planning expert consultants, the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the PACS commission, the resource agencies, and requirements of Federal law, to protect habitats by stopping high impact glider and off-trail activities and preserve the 7 miles of trails for low-impact human recreation in the Master Plan Update. Please allocate more funding to Fairview Park to increase illegal activity enforcement.

Thank you,
Helen Smisko
Yorba Linda
Sierra Club Member
California Native Plant Society Member

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From: [Gavin Raab](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 4:05:58 PM

Dear Costa Mesa Mayor, City Council, City Staff, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners:

As a Californian concerned about the rare coastal natural resources of Fairview Park, I support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update. It presents scientific findings that uphold the general public's wishes for Fairview Park to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact recreation.

Airplane flying and illegal trail use have high impacts on habitats and are incompatible activities.

I support the recommendations made by the City's Master Planning expert consultants, the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the PACS commission, the resource agencies, and requirements of Federal law, to protect rare wildlife by stopping destructive glider and off-trail use and to preserve the seven miles of trails for low-impact recreation in the Master Plan Update.

Please also allocate more funding to Fairview Park to increase illegal activity enforcement.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Gavin Raab, San Clemente

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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Cc: [GRUNER, BRIAN](#); [DALTON, KELLY M.](#); [Kohl Crecelius](#); [BROWN, KELLY](#)
Subject: Support of Draft Fairview Park Master Plan and Deep Concern for HSS Use
Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025 3:34:22 PM
Attachments: [HSS Newsletter Cartoons - Environmental Attitudes.pdf](#)

11/15/2025

Costa Mesa City Council

Dear City Council,

I support the current draft of the Fairview Park Master Plan, yet I am deeply concerned about the historical environmental attitudes of HSS on display in their monthly newsletters. I fear these attitudes lie at their core and will be harmful to Fairview Park should their Council-permit use continue whether on the east or west sides the park.

I have attached to this email a select group of cartoons published by HSS in their newsletter over the years to which I have added text indicating the prevailing attitude of the cartoon matching HSS attitudes towards the park's protected species and habitats. Please consider these systemic HSS-entitled attitudes towards the environment in your decision-making process and how they can affect State and Federal enforcement of environmental regulations on the City. Despite HSS efforts to convince Council otherwise, HSS members have displayed these attitudes regularly in Steering Committee meetings and in-person negotiations and have guided my position on the insincerity of HSS-expressed care for Fairview Park.

Sincerely,

Andy Campbell

Past Fairview Park Steering Committee Chair (2017-2024)

Costa Mesa 30-year Resident

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From: [Priscilla Rocco](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: The City Council Must Vote to Approve and Fund the Recommendations of the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:57:29 PM

City Council,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) states in a letter to the City of Costa Mesa: "The regional biological significance of Fairview Park cannot be overstated. The Park is the northernmost parcel of a rare, contiguous undeveloped natural open space, which stretches from Fairview Park southward through Talbert Regional Park and terminates at the Randall Preserve. The 208-acre, topographically diverse Park contains a multitude of habitat types and micro-habitats, including one of the last coastal terrace vernal pools complexes in Orange County on its mesa."

Many of the hundreds of plant and animal species are endemic to the Park, some species use it as a migration waystation and others overwinter here - many of which are threatened, endangered, protected, or have been listed as such.

"CDFW has a long history of engaging with the City on natural resources matters at Fairview Park, most notably vernal pool complex management issues, historic violations...ongoing impacts to areas subject to Fish and Game Code...and outstanding mitigation obligations...that continue to languish."

City violations include:

- Damage to vernal pools, then incomplete restoration of pools 2, 5, 6, and 7.
- Not securing a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement before taking soil from pond creation and dumping it into Little Canyon for trails; and clearing vegetation in and around the artificial pond complex during the nesting season for coastal California gnatcatcher.
- And finally, the City has taken no action on its mitigation obligations with various agencies.

"Finally, there is scientific evidence to support that the fly field activities lead to harassment of sensitive avian species, including raptors. Birds that rely on Fairview Park for food and shelter could temporarily abandon these habitats during fly field use, leading to a loss of critical resources during key

times, such as during migration or overwintering periods. For fly field activities that occur at the beginning of nesting season, birds may choose not to nest in the area at all." Various studies cited that constant stress, anxiety, and elevated heart and metabolic rate lowers birds immunity, eventually killing them.

"CDFW strongly supports relocation of the model airplane fly field, as its continued operation in the vernal pool complex is in direct conflict with preservation and management of this important park feature. The goals of the Master Plan Update cannot be achieved while private citizens continue to take it upon themselves to grade and mow these sensitive habitats to maintain fly field runways on City property."

If the fly field remains, CDFW would require a CESA Incidental Take Permit for the western burrowing owl and Crotch's bumble bee costing \$50 to \$100,000. And due to past violations, annual mitigation and monitoring by a permitted biologist would be required costing \$10,000. And this is just the state agencies.

"It can only be assumed that, despite our efforts to negotiate in good faith with the City regarding wetland permitting obligations, seven years' worth of unauthorized impacts are likely...subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602...Park enforcement is necessary to ensure the City complies with Fish and Game Code, as well as conditions as described in any forthcoming CDFW-issued permit....A Master Plan Update would not be complete without addressing the outstanding Routine Maintenance agreement notification and any other one-time projects in the Park; this includes how they will be completed, funded, when, and by whom." I wholeheartedly agree.

Priscilla Rocco
Costa Mesa

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From: [R Hillary Willett](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Vote YES on the Fairview (NATURE) Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 2:07:23 PM

Dear Costa Mesa Mayor, Councilmembers, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners,

I'm a lifelong trail runner and hiker who grew up in the foothills of the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys.

Work opportunities brought me to Orange County where I "discovered" the trails of Bolsa Chica (HB), Newport Back Bay (NB), Peters Canyon (Tustin/Orange), Bommer Canyon (Irvine), Fairview Park (Costa Mesa), and many more — all of them situated within or adjoining urban areas.

There can be no argument that, today, Orange County's cities have extremely limited open, natural habitat space remaining. What exists **MUST** be preserved for our own environmental well-being as well as for the protection of the wildlife that, fortunately, remains in our midst.

Support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update and uphold the overwhelming wishes of the public for Fairview Park to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use.

Glider airplane flying is incompatible within this nature space. It must be prohibited, along with all illegal trail use.

Preserve the seven miles of trails for low-impact recreation in the Master Plan Update and approve funding for fencing, patrolling, and enforcement regarding off-trail areas.

Last, but not least, please recognize this important gem within Costa Mesa and rename it "Fairview Nature Park."

Thank you,
R. Hillary Willett
Irvine

From: [Kim Hendricks](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: WHO is HSS?
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:54:03 PM

Please include the comments and attachment as part of the record for tomorrow's city council meeting on Nov. 18, 2025.

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

This article was put out by the Harbor Soaring Society in their newsletter. It shows you who their audience and members are: old, impotent men. Quite inappropriate to put an article like this in their newsletter if they have any other audience or members. Please move them OUT of Fairview Park.

Harbor Soaring Society **Plane Rap**

The most frequently prescribed treatments for impotence :

Vacuum Therapy



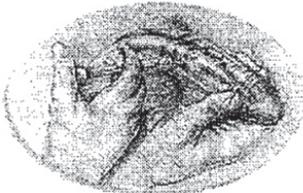
This is the least invasive of all the treatments. It also offers the highest rate of success, about 90%. Patients rate it high for convenience and satisfaction, and because it provides the ability to initiate and end the erection when desired. The technique works by applying negative pressure to the penis by placing a cylinder over it and withdrawing the air. Under pressure, blood then flows rapidly into the penis creating an erection. A tension ring is then placed on the base of the erect penis to maintain rigidity and can be left in place for up to 30 minutes.



The Second Thing To Go... or... Does Your Rudder Flutter?

Lyndon Johansen

Self-injection Therapy



This treatment option the patient gives himself an injection directly into the base of the penis. The needle is small, similar to the one used of insulin injections by diabetics, and the erections are usually of good quality and will last about an hour. The drawbacks are mostly logistic. Some men are reluctant to give themselves shots. Can be used 2-3 times a week and only once every 24 hours. Over time injections can cause scarring which could lead to permanent damage in the penis.

If you suffer from impotence, you're not alone. Over 20 million men in the U.S. alone are unable to achieve or maintain an erection suitable to complete sexual intercourse - that's almost two in every 10 men or approximately 30 HSS Club Members. You know who you are! Impotence is not "all in your head". Only 15% of impotence can be attributed to psychological causes. It is usually a secondary condition brought on by other physical causes. In fact, evaluation of erectile dysfunction may save your life! Erectile difficulty is frequently the first sign of vascular disease which could lead to heart attack or stroke. It may also be a first sign of diabetes. Impotence was found in 39% of patients being treated for heart disease and is greater in smokers with heart disease and hypertension. Impotence can result from chronic use of tobacco because smoking may affect penile arteries and reduce blood flow to the penis. (Engorgement of the penis by blood is the basis of natural erection.) Impotence is usually not a normal consequence of aging. You are never simply "Too old to cut the mustard." It's true that the likelihood of impotence increases as you get older, but erectile dysfunction is more likely the result of medical problems that occur at a greater rate as you age.

Impotence is the most untreated, treatable medical disorder in the U.S. For a lot of men, virility and self-esteem are so tightly intertwined that discussion can be difficult and embarrassing even with people you trust such as your partner(s) or doctor. Personal embarrassment and lack of knowledge frequently prevent individuals from seeking medical help. And even though 85% of impotence is a result of physical

Sincerely,
Fairview Park Lover

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From: [GREEN, BRENDA](#)
To: [TERAN, STACY](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Copy of letter re: Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:11:25 AM
Attachments: [image001.wmz](#)
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[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

For inclusion into public comments

Respectfully,
Brenda Green
City Clerk
City Clerk's Office | (714) 754-5221
77 Fair Drive | Costa Mesa | CA 92626



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From: Medak, Christine <Christine_Medak@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:35 PM
To: GREEN, BRENDA <brenda.green@costamesaca.gov>
Cc: Lubcke, Glen@Wildlife <Glen.Lubcke@Wildlife.ca.gov>; Turner, Jennifer@Wildlife <Jennifer.Turner@wildlife.ca.gov>; Hailey, Cindy@Wildlife <Cindy.Hailey@wildlife.ca.gov>; FVPMP <FVPMP@costamesaca.gov>; Perez, Paola@Wildlife <Paola.Perez@Wildlife.ca.gov>; Ludovissy, Jennifer@Wildlife <Jennifer.Ludovissy@Wildlife.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Copy of letter re: Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update

Brenda,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service did not have a chance to complete our review of the Fairview Park Master Plan due to a lack of staff resources during the government shutdown (October 1 - November 12). We have been working closely with the City of Costa Mesa since at least 2012 to minimize impacts to sensitive resources in the park and we appreciate that many of our past recommendations have been implemented or incorporated as part of the plan (e.g., installing educational signs, boardwalk between vernal pools 1 and 4, and protective fencing, eliminating user-defined trails). We support comments/recommendations provided by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) but would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these comments with the City, as they pertain to species protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act, prior to

finalization of the Master Plan. It is encouraging to see that the City has considered the ongoing documented impacts to biological resources associated with the existing glider area and is proposing to relocate the area away from vernal pools occupied by several federally listed species. In addition to CDFW comments, we recommend the following revisions/additions to the Master Plan, based on our limited review:

1. The plan identifies federally listed species on page 27 in the section titled "Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA)". Please add the least Bell's vireo and coastal California gnatcatcher (both known to occur in Fairview Park) to this section.
2. Development and implementation of a fence plan to minimize unauthorized entry into vernal pools should be a top implementation priority. The Master Plan identifies the need for protective fencing in several sections, but we recommend the potential types and locations of fences (fence plan) are included, consistent with the level of detail provided for the trail plan. The lack of appropriate fencing has contributed to unauthorized impacts and degradation of vernal pools in Fairview Park for decades and we are concerned that the lack of specificity in the Master Plan will result in this task continuing to languish, even as the trail system is developed.
3. We appreciate the change in the location of the proposed children's play area ("Nature Play Area"), to the Lawn Area. We recommend that native shrubs (e.g., lemonade berry, toyon or other large, dense shrubs) are used for visual/noise screening between the play area and adjacent recently restored and/or proposed native plant restoration areas to minimize disturbance to wildlife.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Master Plan and anticipate continued coordination with the City regarding measures to avoid and minimize impacts to federally listed species as specific plans are further developed. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding these comments.

Christine L. Medak
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
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"I'd like to offer a plug for actually having the natural processes instead of having to simulate them."
— Nadav Nur, PRBO Conservation Science

From: Ludovissy, Jennifer@Wildlife <Jennifer.Ludovissy@Wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 2:06 PM
To: brenda.green@costamesaca.gov <brenda.green@costamesaca.gov>
Cc: Lubcke, Glen@Wildlife <Glen.Lubcke@Wildlife.ca.gov>; Turner, Jennifer@Wildlife <Jennifer.Turner@wildlife.ca.gov>; Hailey, Cindy@Wildlife <Cindy.Hailey@wildlife.ca.gov>; Medak, Christine <Christine_Medak@fws.gov>; State.Clearinghouse@lci.ca.gov <state.clearinghouse@lci.ca.gov>; fvpmp@costamesaca.gov <fvpmp@costamesaca.gov>; Perez, Paola@Wildlife <Paola.Perez@Wildlife.ca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Copy of letter re: Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update

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Hello Brenda,

Please see attached copy for your records. If you have any questions, please contact [Paola Perez](mailto:Paola.Perez@Wildlife.ca.gov).

Thank you,

Jenny

JENNY LUDOVISSY | [she/her](#)

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From: [Sterling Vozenilek](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Plans for Fairview Park
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:57:12 AM

Hello;

My husband, John and I have lived in our home on Pacific Avenue for over 50 years. We consider ourselves lucky to live within yards of Fairview Park, which is a great historical and ecological resource. My kids grew up both loving and respecting the wildness of the bluff.

Many years ago *my father taught our son* how to build model airplanes and introduced him to a neat group of guys who had a sort of *flying club* at the bluff. Now my grandson is also a flying enthusiast and like his father and great grandfather, he too, understands the need to *protect the integrity* of the bluff and Fairview park. Now...to the point of this letter!

I'm writing to ask that you vote to **continue having "Concerts in the Park"** which have been a dependable success and created many new fans of the bluff area. Lastly, I hope you can influence the Counsel to **allow the remote flying club to continue to meet and fly from their current location, which they have used commendably over the past 40+years.**

Thanks you for taking a moment to consider my thoughts on this.

Sterling B. Vozenilek
2271 Pacific Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA
(949) 244-9538

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From: [Rachel Flanagan](#)
To: citycouncil@costamesaca.gov; CITY CLERK
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:25:17 AM

Dear Council Members,

I would like to respectfully request that you refrain from restricting public access to Fairview Park. The residents of Costa Mesa and the natural environment of the park have coexisted harmoniously for many years. This park serves as a vital reprieve from daily stresses for our community, and the simple act of a twenty-minute walk on the bluff significantly enhances our well-being. It is an integral part of life in Costa Mesa.

I urge you to remove the fencing that was recently installed, particularly given that the Master Plan for the park has not yet been approved. We believe it is crucial for the community to have a voice in decisions concerning Fairview Park, and I respectfully request that this matter be put to a public vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Rachel Flanagan

RACHEL FLANAGAN
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From: [Erik Roberts](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Comment for 11/18/25 Mesa Council Fairview
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:59:45 AM

I agree with Andy Campbell's 11/7/25 comment to the city council regarding the master plan update item.

Thank you,
Erik Roberts
Former member, vice chair, and chair
Costa Mesa Fairview Park Steering Committee

Sent from Erik's iPad

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From: [Jennie Minard](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Do NOT support Draft for Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:45:50 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council members,

I do NOT support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, the dirt mounds, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad.

My kids enjoy this park so much, We can walk to it from our house. It holds a special spot in my heart and it is a huge reason we chose to live in this area. This park brings community together.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the intent of Measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park. If the Draft Plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, City Council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you,

Jennifer Minard

Costa Mesa Resident

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From: [Gary Fogel](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan Comment
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 5:34:17 PM

4653 Carmel Mountain Road
Suite 308 #420
San Diego CA 92130
November 17, 2025

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing with concern about the current version of the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan.

Costa Mesa has the unique privilege of being home to the oldest active RC model glider club in the nation – the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS). While in the 1960s HSS flew at many locations, over time Fairview Park became its home. Fairview Park is still very reasonable for soaring and I find it unconscionable that some in the community would recommend removing this important historical use. Allow me to explain why.

I hold a B.A. in biology from UC Santa Cruz and a Ph.D. in biology from UCLA. As a professional biologist I have also had the good fortune of having a hobby in model aviation for more than 50 years and have flown RC gliders at locations all around the world. In my travels I have had the pleasure of soaring on multiple occasions at Fairview Park with HSS, it is a super field.

By their nature RC gliders are silent and pilots seek lift in the atmosphere to continue their flights. These enthusiasts share a mantra of working with nature rather than against nature. The RC gliding community doesn't power its way through the air with noisy propellers or jets. We extract potential energy from the atmosphere and use that to continue our silent soaring flights. This aspect of aeromodelling is entirely compatible with natural resources such as parks. For instance, RC gliders have been flown at the Torrey Pines Gliderport in San Diego for many decades, an area which is partly owned and operated by the City of San Diego as Torrey Pines City Park – preserving the natural cliffs for soaring flight and as natural open space. Throughout the US there are many similar shared use examples involving RC gliders. I have enjoyed sharing the air with birds of many types, mainly birds of prey, and they do not mind. In fact, they often soar alongside my models with curiosity. We circle together in lift - we share the atmospheric resource. I do not provoke them with my RC glider, they do not fear the unpowered

model glider.

I suspect those expressing opposition to model aviation must not have experienced the same things or may have witnessed powered drones or other powered models flying around at the park with their motor on the entire time. I wholly agree that Fairview Park is not an appropriate place for powered drones or quadcopters. However, RC soaring is very different than these noisy aircraft and is synergistic with the open space goals. Most importantly - having a club such as the Harbor Soaring Society present at the location as good stewards helps to preclude others who would fly powered RC in egregious ways that the community seeks to avoid. Retaining them as our eyes and ears for safety and appropriate operation improves overall community welfare.

Additionally, we are in a time when it is critical for youth to have hands-on experiences with STEM technology towards careers in science and engineering. With urban growth it is increasingly difficult to find locations like Fairview Park for model aircraft training. The HSS has developed youth programming that is amazing in this regard, helping to introduce youth to RC soaring for free. What a super asset to the park, community, city, and county! They are helping to utilize the park as a place of learning - where students can develop an interest in both nature and aviation and be inspired to appreciate how both can coexist rather than live in a world where they are mutually exclusive. Why then have a master plan that reduces public access for such educational opportunities? Why not continue to encourage shared uses that are mutually beneficial?

The draft plan suggests moving the HSS operations to a different location in the park closer to the train area. This is detrimental, places two incongruent uses in proximity and decreases safety. The current (historic) location is perfectly suitable and most appropriate. Please allow HSS to continue this important mission and help use Fairview Park for RC soaring in a safe and congruent way with the natural resource. This is most easily accomplished by simply retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Master Plan. This is not just a Costa Mesa issue, model glider pilots in the region, state, and nation are concerned with the draft plan and the future of HSS.

Thank you for your time and leadership. Please include this letter as a matter of public record for the November 18, 2025 meeting.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Fogel, Ph.D.
San Diego, California 92130

Vice President, Torrey Pines Gulls RC Soaring Club
Leader Member, Academy of Model Aeronautics

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From: [Jody King](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Cc: [Ken King](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 5:41:04 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

We do not support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan.

We have lived at 1849 Tanager Drive in Mesa Verde since 1984.

Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field at its current location, concerts in the park, the dirt mounds, bicycle and dog walking trail access, and the goat Hill Junction railroad.

We also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. We run and hike in the park and enjoy the open access to trails. Any revision should honor the intent of measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park.

If the draft plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, city council should consider canceling the update and returning the 2008 master plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kenneth T. King
Joanne D King

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From: [Peter Sample](#)
To: [CITY CLERK; citycouncil@costamesaca.gov](#)
Subject: Fairview Park
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:16:25 PM

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Thank you,
Peter Sample
944 W Wilson St Costa Mesa ca

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
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Subject: FW:
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:02:39 AM

From: Jaime7754 <jaime7754@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:54 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject:

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Thank you,

Jaime Rodriguez
Costa Mesa Resident

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
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Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:55:34 AM

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From: Dan Gabie <3dgabie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 5:54 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Fairview Park

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Thank you,

Daniel Gabie
Mesa Verde Homeowner

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
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Subject: FW: Fairview Park
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:19:58 AM

From: Thien Nguyen <thien7827@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:29 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Fairview Park

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Thank you,

Thien

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Fairview Park Flying Field
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:57:58 AM

From: Colin Skinner <avi8torboi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:56 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Fairview Park Flying Field

Mayor, Mayor ProTeam, Council members,
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Colin Skinner, President, CEO, Pro Air Aviation, El Cajon, Ca. 92020 (619) 208-3887

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To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Fairview park
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:05:47 PM

From: CHRIS KING <chris_k_91745@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:01 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Fairview park

I understand the world is in a total mess.what I do not understand is why plans are being drawn up to destroy a hobby that has been in effect for so long. Children need to express themselves in more activities than just cell phones and computer play. Really consider what you are promoting and support the kids in a great hobby.

Chris king

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:56:06 AM

From: Anya Garey <anyagarey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:15 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerk@costamesaco.gov
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

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Thank you,

Anya Aubry

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From: Paula Hong <paulajeanhong@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:33 PM
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Thank you,

Paula Cool

Costa Mesa, 92626

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
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Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:57:16 AM

From: Martin Thomas <curzlite2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:41 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
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Thank you,
Martin Thomas
92870

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:58:29 AM

From: mark jelinek <mark_jelinek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:19 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerck@costamesaca.gov
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

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Thank you,
Mark Jelinek
Costa Mesa, 92627
(949)413-5122

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Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:58:48 AM

From: Anya Garey <anyagarey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 8:52 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
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Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:59:25 AM

From: Mike Jimenez <jimenez7353@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:09 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
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Costa Mesa

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Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:15:47 AM

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From: Steve Uchytel <coachsuke@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:58 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerk@costamesscs.gov
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

City administration:

As I have read and spoke to neighbors, it is apparent that the proposed changes to the Fairview Park accessibility is unpopular. We live on Joann Street quite close to Fairview Park and are in frequent use of the trails throughout the aforementioned area for exercise and recreational purposes. The grid lock nature of suburban life is in need of open accessible space for those citizens who are so inclined to get out in its beauty and enjoy nature. Fairview Park is a gem in our community and needs to continue to be open and largely accessible.

Thank you
Steve Uchytel
(714)904-2832
Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:18:32 AM

From: Roi Rivera <rvrivera311@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:20 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
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Thank you,

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To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:19:29 AM

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From: Steve Sveinson <nosnievsas@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan . I would like the park to stay as is. My kids and grandkids have enjoyed riding the trails and dirt mounds for years . My wife and I also enjoy riding bikes walking dog on these trails for the last 45 years. Leave the model glider field as is. The concerts in the park have been a great community gathering in very nice surroundings and open space, plenty of room to enjoy. I would be against more fencing we need public access to the park without restrictions. Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities. Please include this comment in the public record for Nov. 18 City Council meeting.

Steve Sveinson
Costa Mesa
949-874-9918

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I do NOT support the DRAFT Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:20:41 AM

From: Viviana Jelinek <viviana.jelinek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:49 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerk@costamesaca.gov
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Viviana Jelinek
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Subject: FW: I do not support the Draft Fairview Park master plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:24:33 AM

From: jjjpwr3@gmail.com <jjjpwr3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:05 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; citycleck@costamesaca.gov
Subject: I do not support the Draft Fairview Park master plan

Mayor, and Council members,

I have been involved as a neighbor of Fairview Park since 1985 when the city bought half the land for \$5 million. We work on cleaning up the park, creating trail, removing car bodies etc, Yes in the past it was used as a trash dump. I was also aware, the American Indians ask respect for these cultural lands.

Yet it seem about every 5 years, someone in city government decides we need to do something different. Most of the time these things get batted down again. This includes, lakes, more parking lots, turn around area for fire trucks, golf courses, (yes some people thought we had a shortage of golf courses in the city.), soccer fields, playgrounds (despite signs for rattlesnakes)..... and the list goes on.

Yet somethings got through... like the sewage treatment plant for the runoff from Santa Ana. Has anyone seen the Burrowing owl after the bulldozers got done building the plant. The football stadium got build despite the fact the lights might interfere with the mating habit of the vernal shrimp. This when I started learning the vernal shrimp where not that important to the US fish and game.

Each time, we go through with this, it comes back the residence of Costa Mesa, do not want the park developed including ball sports. As parent worry about social media and educators worry there is no three D learning, they learn about Fairview Park. A place where gets can get muddy, and learn some Science and engineering from model airplanes. It seems like everyone has a drone, but out officials in the city are trying to band a safe place to use them. By the way did you notice we have a large company make drones in the city for the security of the country. Maybe we could inspire the future engineers for our national security.

In closing, I attended one Fairview Park meeting to find this committee appearing very closed to outside input. Now I find a open park that is all fenced in and an urban nightmare has I fire hazard that could affect housing as we witness in LA. Thaks got the goodness LA send us their 3000 gallon CH -47 to put out the fire we had a little over one year ago.

Thank you for you consideration of my input.

Jim Jones
Calvert Ave
Costa Mesa, Ca

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I DO NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:25:47 AM

From: Teresa Dearing <teresadearing1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:17 AM
To: cityclerk@costamesa.gov
Cc: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I DO NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

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Best regards,

Teresa Dearing (Costa Mesa resident & home since 2008 in 92626)

(213) 247-0702

TeresaDearing@gmail.com

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Subject: FW: I do not support the draft Fairview Park master plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:04:45 PM

From: Julie Richardson <julie.ann.astra@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 3:45 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerk@costamesacs.gov
Subject: I do not support the draft Fairview Park master plan

Dear Mayor and whom else it may concern:

As a homeowner in the Freedom home neighborhood of Costa Mesa, I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

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Thank you,
Julie Richardson

From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: I DO NOT SUPPORT THE FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:16:23 AM

From: Angus Boundy <angus.boundy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:14 PM
To: PACS Comments <PACSComments@costamesaca.gov>; FVPMP <FVPMP@costamesaca.gov>; cityclerk@costamesa.gov; CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: I DO NOT SUPPORT THE FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN

Dear City Council,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Angus Boundy, and I am reaching out to share my support for the Harbor Soaring Society at Fairview Park. As someone who has personally benefited from the opportunities the club provides, I want to highlight the critical role it plays not only in individual lives but in the broader Costa Mesa community.

The Harbor Soaring Society is much more than a gliding club: it's a hub for connection, education, and inspiration. Through the flying lessons I've completed with the club, I've gained practical skills, broadened my horizons, and even begun exploring how aviation might play a role in my future career. Yet, my story is just one of many. The club brings together people of all ages, from young students curious about science and engineering to older members looking to share their passion for flight.

I've seen firsthand how the Harbor Soaring Society creates a positive ripple effect in Costa Mesa. It hosts outreach programs, sparks interest in STEM fields, and fosters a spirit of community engagement. The club opens its doors to everyone: residents, families, and visitors alike, inviting them to experience something unique and exciting. It's a place where curiosity and creativity thrive, and it reflects the innovative and inclusive spirit of Costa Mesa.

Fairview Park is the ideal home for this organization, not just because of its open spaces but because it offers a natural setting where the community can gather, learn, and grow. By preserving the Harbor Soaring Society's presence in the park, you're supporting a resource that provides immeasurable benefits to the people of Costa Mesa, from educational opportunities to fostering lifelong connections.

I respectfully urge you to continue supporting the Harbor Soaring Society at Fairview Park. It's a shining example of how a local organization can bring people together, inspire dreams, and strengthen the fabric of a community.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to making Costa Mesa a vibrant and thriving city.

Please keep Harbor Soaring Society in its current incredible location inside of Fairview Park and include this in the master plan.

Angus Boundy

From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: II do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:21:15 AM

From: Kristin Kosearas <kristin.kosearas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:01 AM
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Thank you,

Kristin Lucas
Fairview neighbor

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Moving Flying field
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:55:53 AM

From: Erv Szego <ervszego@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:08 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Moving Flying field

My name is Erv Szego. I have been a member of HSS for over 2 decades and have been flying gliders at Fairview Park for much longer.

I'm sad to hear about the changes the Parks and recreation committee of Costa Mesa is pushing. Moving the HSS flying field would mess up a good thing. I cherish every moment I get to fly there. A lot of people would be negatively affected by this change. Being outside with nature, breathing fresh air and hanging out with fellow glider pilots. Also, interacting with the public.

I am against the changes you guys have proposed.
Please think long and hard...why ruin a good thing.

Peace...Erv
Harbor Soaring Society member
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From: [Vicky Dearing](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fwd: I DO NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:11:39 AM

Subject: Fwd: I DO NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, citycouncil@costamesaca.gov

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From: Josh@howiseeyou.com
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Harbor Soaring Society Airfield
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:41:24 AM

Hello,

My name is Josh Johnson, I've been a Costa Mesa resident most of my life since 1977. Over the years we have seen our city change in many ways, some for the better and some for the worse, but I loved being raised in Costa Mesa and I've chosen to raise my own children here as well. I believe I am likely one of many whom the Harbor Soaring Society Airfield made an important and lasting impression on at a young age, and I would very much like to have my own children and their local peers to have the same opportunity. Having witnessed human controlled flight up close at Fairview Park as a child I remember a radio-controlled aircraft being the ONLY thing I wanted for Christmas in 6th grade. After learning about flight dynamics, I remember applying that interest to hand building from scratch a R/C submarine in 7th grade. Beginning to understand the science of radio waves opened the door to radio communications, eventually I would use similar radio waves to talk to people all over the world as an armature ham radio operator. The innate desire to fly stuck with me and when I was 20 I began to pursue my private pilot's license, and skydiving certification later that same year. I'm not saying none of this would have happened had it not been for HSS Airfield as a child, but I can connect the dots all the way back, and I remember what it felt like on that airfield the first time.

Not only is the airfield an asset to this community but the Harbor Soaring Society itself is of tremendous value to Costa Mesa as a role model community organization. They have shown great interest and concern for the environmental stewardship of the park. They have eagerly sought to cooperate and communicate with the city council on these issues all along the way. They have remained a profoundly popular and engaging presence at OC Fair's Imaginology. They are exactly the kind of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art and math) based organization local parents like myself want to be available to our children and located in our very own backyard. If our community loses this airfield how long then till we lose Harbor Soaring Society? Neither of those loses is a change I want to see happen to Costa Mesa.

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Thank you for your time,

Josh Johnson

(Costa Mesa Resident)

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HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY

Public Comment Letter – Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update

November 18, 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For 61 years, the Fairview Park Flying Field has operated in the same location with the full knowledge of regulatory agencies, the City, and generations of Costa Mesa residents. Across six decades of environmental studies—including the 1995 Brandman Report, 2014 USFWS Letter, 2016–2018 Endemic biological reports, 2019–2021 City of Costa Mesa Compatibility Study, and 2019–2025 agency correspondence—not a single documented biological impact has ever been attributed to the flying field or its maintenance.

Despite this, the Draft Master Plan Update is based on technical errors, incorrect assumptions, and incomplete or misleading agency engagement, ultimately promoting an extreme “nature preserve only” vision that contradicts the community’s expectations and the voter intent of Measure AA.

Key Findings:

1. Regulatory agencies do NOT recommend closing or relocating the flying field.
 - The 2014 USFWS letter identified all potential vernal pool impacts and did not identify the flying field as a concern.
 - USFWS (2014–2025) consistently recommended simple mitigation measures, not removal.
 - The 2025 CDFW letter was solicited under incomplete information and is not a directive to relocate the field.
2. LandIQ’s technical report is deeply flawed.
 - No topographic study was performed.
 - The “vernal pool watershed” map is unsupported by hydrology or slope analysis.
 - Substantial factual inaccuracies undermine the credibility of the report’s conclusions.
3. The Draft Plan adopts the most restrictive, least balanced interpretation possible.

- It proposes removing decades-long community amenities with little evidentiary basis:
 - Flying field
 - Bike mounds
 - Small trails
 - Open play areas
 - (Eventually) model trains
 - Fencing is mentioned 22 times and would permanently close much of the mesa to people.
4. The flying field is already in the least-impactful, safest possible location.
 - We can avoid impacts by embracing environmental best practices like performing biological surveys.
 5. The Draft Plan contradicts the voter intent of Measure AA.
 - Measure AA defines the Master Plan as the 2008 plan, and prohibits significant changes without a vote.
 - The Draft Plan removes activities—not adds them—exploiting a loophole that violates the spirit of Measure AA.

Request to Council:

1. Reject or suspend adoption of the Draft Master Plan Update.

The technical foundation is flawed, the process has been biased, and the resulting recommendations are not defensible.

2. Direct staff to correct technical reports and reengage agencies collaboratively with HSS included.

HSS has been excluded from key meetings despite being the only on-site subject matter experts.

3. Preserve the Fairview Park Flying Field in its historical location.

This location minimizes environmental disturbance and maximizes community benefit.

4. Initiate proceedings to designate the Fairview Park Flying Field as a Local Historic Landmark.

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS), we respectfully submit this letter regarding the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update. After reviewing the plan, the associated technical reports, biological documentation dating back three decades, and the full regulatory history, HSS strongly urges the City Council to reject or suspend the Draft Master Plan Update until several foundational issues can be corrected.

1. The Regulatory Record Does Not Support Relocating or Closing the Flying Field

USFWS (2014–2025): Consistent, balanced recommendations

The 2014 USFWS Letter—the only formal guidance ever issued regarding all vernal pools in Fairview Park—identified every potential impact to vernal pools throughout the park. It did not identify the flying field or its maintenance as a threat.

Instead, it recommended:

- Avoiding wet soils
- Training and education
- Noise minimization
- Enforcement of a permit system
- Well-defined boundaries of activity

Those are the same recommendations USFWS repeated in 2019.

The agency repeatedly expressed that the flying field was a manageable use.

CDFW (2025): The letter was solicited under incomplete information

The September 2025 CDFW letter was not input to the Master Plan process.

It was a response to staff questions, including issues unrelated to the flying field (e.g., restoration grant obligations).

HSS was excluded from all CDFW meetings.

HSS never received notice of any alleged disturbance events referenced in staff emails—contradicting 61 years of zero documented impacts.

The 2023 precedent

A very similar situation occurred in 2023, when staff solicited a CDFW email supporting field closure after USFWS twice declined to recommend it. Subsequent public records requests showed that:

- Staff did not provide USFWS or CDFW with complete or accurate information.
- The “shutdown” recommendation was created due to staff solicitation—not regulatory conclusion.

This pattern matters.

2. The LandIQ Technical Report Contains Serious Technical Errors

The March 22, 2024 LandIQ report—upon which much of the Draft Master Plan relies—contains multiple foundational problems:

No topographic study

Despite defining “vernal pool watersheds,” no slope analysis, hydrological modeling, or elevation data was performed.

Watershed boundaries are unsupported

The drawn watershed polygons do not match:

- The LandIQ 2024 mapping
- The 2014 USFWS map
- The 1995 Brandman Report
- On-the-ground topography
- Photographic evidence from the wet season

These errors contaminate the entire biological impact narrative.

Fundamental factual inaccuracies

Examples include:

- Misidentifying the flying field as created “circa 2015” rather than circa 1964.
- Claiming mowing is a major threat despite not knowing how many times HSS mowed in 2023–2024.

- Stating that flying patterns overlap sensitive habitat—contradicted by 2019–2021 field observations and agency letters.

Biological monitoring was not included

LandIQ relied almost exclusively on:

- Staff reports
- Conflicting anecdotal statements
- Prior consultant narratives

The omission of actual data is unacceptable for a document intended to guide park management for decades.

3. The Draft Master Plan Takes the Most Restrictive, Least Balanced Interpretation Possible

The Draft Plan removes or severely restricts:

- The flying field
- Bike mounds
- Small trails
- Bike trails
- Dog walking
- Open play areas

This is not balance.

This is redefining the park as a fenced nature preserve, contrary to its history, the 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan, and the voter-intent of Measure AA.

Fencing is referenced 22 times in the technical report, and the plan proposes restricting nearly all human access to the outer perimeter of the mesa.

4. The Current Flying Field Location Is Environmentally Superior to the Proposed Relocation Site

- The current west-side location is the least impactful zone in the entire park.

- The east side is worse for:
 - wildlife,
 - wind flow,
 - slope dynamics,
 - public safety,
 - flight operations.

Relocation would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, require a vote of the people, require extensive CEQA review, and likely fail operationally—an irresponsible use of public funds.

5. Measure AA Requires Fidelity to the 2008 Master Plan and a Community-Centered Approach

Measure AA legally defines the Fairview Park Master Plan as the 2008 Revision.

The Draft Master Plan Update:

- Rewrites this central document
- Removes long-established uses
- Expands restoration beyond what is required
- Exploits a loophole allowing removal without a vote
- Conflicts with decades of public access and community expectation

This contradicts the spirit and intent of Measure AA.

REQUESTS TO CITY COUNCIL

1. Reject or suspend adoption of the current Draft Master Plan Update.

The technical foundation is unsound, and the process has failed to reflect community input.

2. Direct staff to correct inaccuracies in the technical reports.

Require topography, updated biological surveys, and accurate historical data.

3. Direct staff to collaboratively reengage USFWS and CDFW with HSS included.

HSS must be in the room—no more unilateral staff-only agency meetings.

4. Explicitly preserve the flying field in its historical, environmentally optimal location.
 5. Initiate proceedings to designate the Fairview Park Flying Field as a Local Historic Landmark, recognizing its 61-year contribution to education, STEM, community culture, and passive recreation.
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CONCLUSION

Fairview Park has always been a shared space.

The flying field, the small trails, the trains, the mounds, the concerts, and the open spaces have coexisted with wildlife for more than six decades—not by accident, but because Fairview Park is large enough to support both people and nature.

The Draft Master Plan Update does not reflect that balance.

HSS respectfully asks the City Council to protect the community's longstanding relationship with Fairview Park by rejecting the Draft Master Plan Update and preserving the flying field and other irreplaceable amenities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Harbor Soaring Society

From: [katie](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I also do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:02:08 AM

Respected Gov't leaders,

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Thank you!

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Katie Stinton

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Thank you,
Lucille Olszewski
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To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:58:42 AM
Attachments: [Let Them Soar Lyrics.pptx](#)

Councilmembers,

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Thank you,
Randy Wilbur
Costa Mesa, CA

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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan - PLEASE READ!
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 5:37:17 PM

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I believe working towards a solution to maintain and preserve nature while ALSO preserving our UNITY as a community is just as important. As things continue to trend toward a social digital age, the importance of physical, social, gathering areas becomes more important and necessary for a community to strive.

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Thank you,
Isaac Carter
Costa Mesa 92627
(530) 990-6039

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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
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Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:15:49 PM

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Thank you,
Joe Delgado
62 year Resident of the Freedom Homes Neighborhood.
I went to Whittier School, Rea School, and Estancia School

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To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [REYNOLDS, ARLIS](#); [STEPHENS, JOHN](#); [CHAVEZ, MANUEL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:43:41 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current Re-Drafting of the Fairview Park Master Plan. This proposal fundamentally fails our community, and I am asking you to make substantial changes that respect the decades of meaningful use residents have enjoyed at Fairview Park.

For years, my family and I—along with countless neighbors—have cherished this park for its model glider field, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trails, the dirt mounds, and the beloved Goat Hill Junction Railroad. These aren't just amenities on a list; they're woven into the fabric of our community life. The Plan must explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location and protect all of these long-standing uses. I urge you to direct staff to collaborate with resource agencies to find solutions that allow these activities to continue safely and in compliance with regulations—not simply eliminate them.

I am equally opposed to any new fencing that would restrict public access. We voted for Measure AA with the clear expectation that our park would remain open and accessible to all. Any revision must honor that community intent and preserve the existing open, shared character that makes Fairview Park special.

Fairview Park must remain a shared space—one that protects sensitive wildlife while continuing to welcome people, families, and the community activities that give this place meaning.

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Joe Quilico

Freedom Homes Resident

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From: [Lisa S.](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:39:06 PM

Good evening,

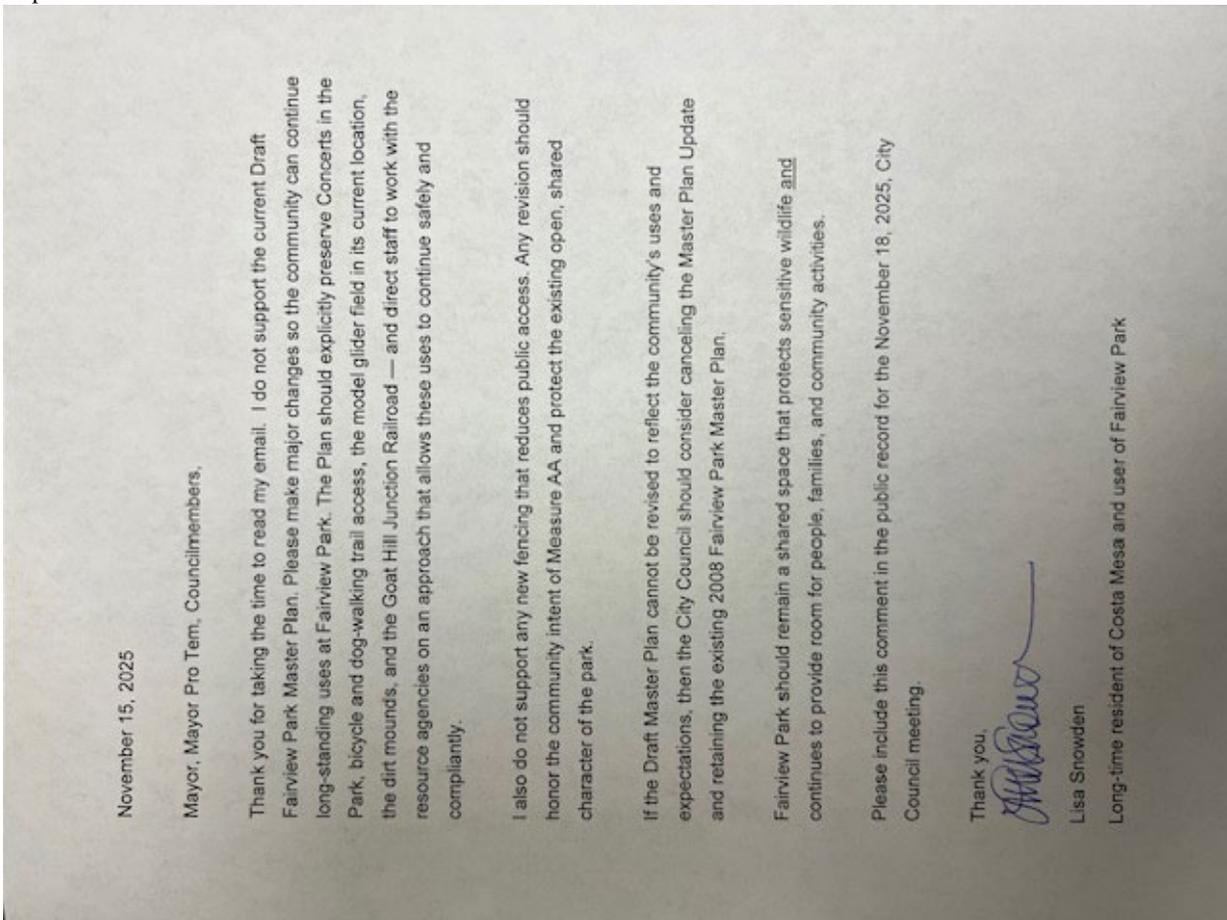
I've attached my letter in response to the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan.

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Thank you,

Lisa Snowden
CM resident

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To: [CITY CLERK](#)
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Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:33:29 PM

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Thank you,
Lam Lam
714-244-6333

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From: [Dan Vozenilek](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 5:42:56 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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Thank you,

Dan Vozenilek
Costa Mesa resident

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Thank you,
Craig and Lisa Peterson
1923 Republic Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(949) 370-4880

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Thank you,
Katie Van Berckelaer
Freedom Home Tract

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To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do not support the draft Fairview park master plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:34:54 PM

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Thank you,

Paula Cool

Costa Mesa, 92626

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From: [Diana Fewel](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Cc: [Ian Fewel](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:39:14 PM

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Thank you,

Diana Fewel, Costa Mesa resident in the Freedom Homes 714-943-2400

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Thank you,
Jennifer Izzarelli
Upper birds home owner

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From: [John](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:15:28 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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Thank you,
John Chen

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From: [Drew Liebentritt](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 8:10:03 PM

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Thank you,

Drew Liebentritt

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From: [Marilyn Wright](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:00:53 PM

Dear City Clerk,

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Thank you.
Marilyn Wright

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From: [John Hudson](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do not support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:37:24 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council members,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make changes to the park to ensure the park will be used by many people with many interests. The model airplane/glider use area should remain on the west side of the park where it has been for the last 10 years. I do not believe there should be any area fenced off to the public. There are many trails used for dog walkers, hikers and bicyclists that should remain open.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wild life and continues to provide room for people, families and community activities.

Thank you,

John Hudson
Costa Mesa
714-830-9934

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From: [Arnold Fouts](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:53:37 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. I request that major changes are made so that we, the community, can continue the long-standing use at Fairview Park that we have had. The plan needs to explicitly preserve the model glider field, Concerts in the park, the dirt mounds, bicycle and dog-walking trails (used daily, weather permitting), and the Goat Hill Junction railroad.

I do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. All revisions should honor the intent of Measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Plan is not revised to reflect the community of users and expectations, City Council should cancel the update and retain the 2008 Master Plan.

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Thank you,

Arnold Fouts

Costa Mesa

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From: [Mike Jimenez](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:26:32 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I am writing as a member of the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) and a resident of Costa Mesa to urge the preservation of the model glider field in its current location, along with Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. I ask that the City Council direct staff to work with resource agencies to develop a safe, compliant approach that allows these activities to continue.

The model glider field and HSS have had a profound impact on my life and career. As an aspiring mechanical engineer, joining HSS connected me with professionals who guided me in ways that directly shaped my career trajectory. Through HSS, I received mentorship on resume development, interview preparation, and securing an internship in engineering. That internship gave me hands-on experience in computer modeling, 3D printing, and problem-solving—practical skills that were critical to securing my first engineering position after college. The guidance, opportunities, and network I found through HSS would not have been possible without the field and its supportive community.

Preserving these amenities is not just about maintaining recreational spaces; it is about safeguarding a unique resource that fosters mentorship, skill development, and career growth for residents of all ages. The field, trails, and associated activities provide a rare intersection of recreation, education, and professional development—a combination that has already changed my life and can continue to benefit others.

I respectfully urge the City Council to protect the model glider field and associated amenities and to work collaboratively with resource agencies to ensure these uses continue safely and compliantly. Your support will preserve a space that nurtures both personal growth and professional development, creating lasting value for the community.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Fher Jimenez

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From: [Anthony Stinton](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Cc: [Stinton Anthony J Capt USAF 140 MSG \(US\)](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 6:21:13 AM

Respected Gov't leaders,

I don't support the current draft Fairview Park Master plan. Please make serious changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The plan should explicitly, clearly, unequivocally preserve the glider field in its current location, concerts in the park, bike and dog-walking trail access, dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. The plan should also direct staff to work with resources agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also don't support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision to the plan should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

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Thanks,
Anthony Stinton

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From: [Richard Eggers](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:28:05 AM

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Thank you

Richard Eggers
Costa Mesa
Upper Birds Mesa Verde
714-336-1383

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From: jjalai@ca.rr.com
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:33:08 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the intent Measure AA and protect the open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft plan cannot be revised to reflect community uses and expectations, **City Council should consider canceling the update and retaining the 2008 Master Plan.**

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Thank you,
Julie Alai
Costa Mesa, Mesa Verde

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From: [Kristin Kosearas](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:00:47 AM

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Thank you,

Kristin Lucas
Fairview neighbor, 92627

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From: [Mariana R.](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:19:40 AM

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Thank you,

Mariana Rodriguez
Costa Mesa Resident

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From: [Adam Van Berckelaer](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:20:24 AM

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Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities. I use Fairview park several times a week for running and walking and do not want to lose access to one of our better and more unique parks. The concerts, railroad, glider field and open access are what make Fairview park great. I believe we can find a balance to protect the vernal pools and other natural areas while keeping Fairview park accessible.

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Thank you,

Adam Van Berckelaer
West Side Costa Mesa, 92627

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From: [Marie Schlutz](#)
To: CITY COUNCIL; CITY CLERK
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:21:44 AM

Greetings,

Although I have lived in Costa Mesa for many years, this is the first time that my husband and I have reached out concerning an issue that is important to us. We feel strongly that we want the community be able to use the park as we have done for many years. The Plan should preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog walking trail access, the dirt mounds and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. Staff should be directed to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Mast Plan.

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Thank you,

Marie Schlutz
Mesa Verde resident

From: [Richard Schlutz](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:42:13 AM

Greetings,

Although I have lived in Costa Mesa for many years, this is the first time that my wife and I have reached out concerning an issue that is important to us. We feel strongly that we want the community to be able to use the park as we have done for many years. The Plan should preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog walking trail access, the dirt mounds and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. Staff should be directed to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

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Richard Schlutz
Mesa Verde resident

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From: [Sage Thayer](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:51:21 AM

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

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Thank you,

Sage Thayer

92627

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From: [Steve Dearing](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: I DO NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:02:03 AM

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

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Best regards,

Steve Dearing (Costa Mesa resident since 1981-Current home since 1997 in 92626)

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From: [Jessie Garcia](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:13:55 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my opposition to the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan and to request significant revisions so that longstanding, community-supported uses can continue at Fairview Park.

For decades, the Harbor Soaring Society has operated responsibly at Fairview Park—under permits, under supervision, and with biological surveys conducted before any maintenance. City staff have publicly acknowledged that HSS has “by and large followed the rules” we’ve been asked to follow. The flying field has existed since 1964 and has peacefully coexisted with sensitive wildlife for six decades.

Yet the Draft Master Plan proposes shifting the flying field to the east side of the park—directly into the same vernal pool watershed and burrowing owl habitat used by the Goat Hill Junction model trains, a heavily trafficked attraction with permanent infrastructure, year-round vegetation clearance, and regular operation. And here lies the fundamental contradiction: the City and CDFW assert that model aircraft *could* disturb birds, alter behavior, interfere with migration cues, or conflict with sensitive habitat. But every one of those theoretical impacts exists in the very location to which the City now proposes to relocate the glider field.

The model trains operate with locomotives, whistles, crowds, vibration, and tracks carved directly into the mesa. They require continuous vegetation clearance and sit squarely within the same ecological areas that staff now describe as “too sensitive” for quiet, non-motorized gliders. If the potential impacts of gliders are disqualifying, then by that exact same logic, how can the railroad—or concerts, or off-leash dogs, or informal bike and walking trails—remain untouched? You cannot claim that gliders are uniquely disruptive while ignoring louder, more continuous, and more intrusive uses operating right next door. Either the habitat is too sensitive for *all* such uses, or the current reasoning is not credible.

In addition, many of these issues can be **avoided**, not eliminated by banning the activity. Requiring experienced pilot oversight, maintaining a well-managed flying rules, and setting clear boundaries would significantly reduce impacts from downed planes, grading, or habitat disturbance. A carefully regulated field could address most of what CDFW lists.

For these reasons, the Master Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, along with other longstanding community activities: Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. The

Plan should direct staff to work collaboratively with resource agencies to develop an approach that protects sensitive species while maintaining these community uses safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any new fencing that would restrict public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and preserve the park's open, shared character.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's established uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

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Thank you,
Jessie Garcia

Costa Mesa District 5 Resident

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From: [Bryan DelloRusso](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:42:04 AM

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Thank you,

Bryan DelloRusso

Costa Mesa Resident

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From: [Jared Jimenez](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:45:39 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I'd like to share my experiences with the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) in the hopes you'll take them into consideration when coming to a decision about making major changes to the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan.

In 2022, my senior year at Estancia High School, HSS facilitated an internship for me over the summer with Overair Inc. Through that internship I have made industry connections and gained experience that have been, and continue to be, incredibly valuable to my professional and academic development. As a resident of Costa Mesa I value the support provided to the community by organizations like HSS because I have seen and received the benefits of that support.

I believe the plan should support the long-standing uses of Fairview Park, including preserving the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

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Thank you for your time,
Jared Jimenez.
Costa Mesa, 92627

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From: [Emily Mail](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:51:51 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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Thank you,
Emily Brimer
1785 Tanager dr. Costa Mesa. 92626

Sent from my mobile

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From: [Lana Nguyen](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:23:57 AM

Mayor, Councilmembers, PACS Commissioners, and City Staff,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. While I appreciate the City's challenging task of balancing recreational opportunities with the conservation and enhancement of open space, I believe that the existing recreational uses were not adequately evaluated using sound data to support the conclusions and recommendations within the Plan.

The Master Plan should **explicitly preserve** the model glider field in its current location with the current measures that are in place to reduce/avoid impacts to sensitive resources.

I would like to see studies and data demonstrating the actual impacts of glider use at its current location under the conditions that have been in place for more than a year. The Harbor Soaring Society has implemented all recommendations from the City and regulatory agencies to minimize impacts to sensitive wildlife, including eliminating motored aircraft, reducing flying days and times, and closely coordinating with City representatives when gliders need to be recovered, among other measures.

The gliding activities should be evaluated based on these current conditions in their current location and analyzed for potential conflicts with wildlife and habitat—while also considering additional mitigation measures that could further reduce any such conflicts. Relocating to the east side of Placentia Avenue would be detrimental to glider operations due to different wind conditions and other factors, and would also require evaluation and mitigation measures to reduce/avoid impacts to sensitive resources. It would be fiscally irresponsible to spend hundreds of thousands of City dollars on new infrastructure in a location unsuitable for glider activity, particularly when there are only *perceived* impacts at the current site and activity level.

Any revisions to the Plan should honor the community's intent under Measure AA and preserve the park's open, shared character. Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects wildlife while providing room for people, families, and community activities.

Please include this letter in the public record for the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

Thank you,

Lana Nguyen
Costa Mesa Resident

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From: [Ross Minion](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:34:16 AM

I am writing regarding my concerns with Fairview Park Master Plan Update DRAFT.

This updated draft plan removes huge amounts of vital recreation open space from the community. Trails are labeled as unauthorized; bike mounds and the fly field are to be removed and relocated, and fences will be constructed to keep residents out. I imagine that the Concerts in the Park and the Trains would also be forced to shut down if this horrendous draft plan for Fairview Park is adopted. The legal ability to relocate the flying field and bike mounds are also questionable, leaving me to believe that the DRAFT plan is designed specifically to eliminate most access to a vast area of the park, under the guise of restoration.

It appears that the justification for the drastic changes to the Park as based on a biased letter from The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). That letter references several studies which supposedly support their “ban all use” approach to Fairview Park. For example, the letter references a journal article from 2003 by Schummer and Eddleman: *Effects of Disturbance on Activity and Energy Budgets of Migrating Waterbirds in South-Central Oklahoma*.

The CDFW letter states “The presence of even lower-decibel noise and physical disturbances from fly field can interfere with these cues, potentially delaying or disrupting migration. This disruption could affect the birds’ ability to arrive at their destination on time, impacting their survival and reproductive success (Schummer and Eddleman 2003).

The CDFW letter does not mention that the Schummer and Eddleman article was based on a National Wildlife Refuge that has 16,464 acres. They recorded 240 disturbances in 477.5 hours of observation throughout the 16,464 acres. They found that different species of birds were disturbed (or not) by different activities. The letter from the CDFW fails to mention Schummer and Eddleman’s conclusion, which is to consider the habits of the birds when scheduling seasonal recreation dates.

“Rates of disturbance differed between species and appeared to be correlated to foraging strategies, habitat requirements, and type of disturbance. Therefore, managers of public lands should consider habits and migration chronologies of waterbirds when setting seasonal recreation dates. Modifying recreation policy could reduce rates of disturbance to some waterbirds.”

If the CDFW's concern about "the presence of even lower-decibel noise and physical disturbances from fly field" is genuinely cause for removal of the Fly Field and all recreational activities in that section of the park, then why have they not recommended the removal of the Waldorf School, which is only 300 feet from the Fly Field, or the Jim Scott Stadium at Estancia High School at 600 feet away? Surely the cheering from a football game, or baseball game (only another 50 feet further) would also be disruptive.

Someone stands to make a lot of money if this draft plan is approved, and a contract is awarded. The residents of Costa Mesa and surrounding communities stand to lose a lot as well. Who is benefiting from this while we all lose recreation space, the flying field, bike trails and the mounds, Concerts in the Park and eventually the trains?

Please DO NOT APPROVE THE DRAFT PLAN!

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Ross Minion

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From: [Michael Moses Nolf](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:35:42 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you,

Michael Moses Nolf
West Side Costa Mesa since 2003

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From: [Steve Minard](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:47:16 AM

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Thank you,

Steve Minard
Costa Mesa Resident

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From: [Mark P](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:43:10 AM

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Thank you,
Mark Portwood
Costa Mesa

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From: [John Carter](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:59:21 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Term and Councilmembers.

I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. I would like to continue the long-standing uses at Fairview Park. Please preserve the model glider field in it's current location. Concerts in the park. Dirt mounds, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Please keep the open, shared nature of the park.

John Carter
1985 Anaheim Ave, Costa Mesa

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From: [Steven Russo](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:16:51 PM

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Thank you,

Steve Russo
2049 President Pl
Costa Mesa, 92627
714-599-1682

Sent from the past

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From: [Bob Haney](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I DO NOT Support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:14:16 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, and walking trail access — direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open space and shared access to the park.

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Thank you,
Bob Haney
Costa Mesa 92627

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From: [John McGraw](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: I do Not support the draft for Fairview park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:34:31 AM

Please add me and my wife Kim to the list. We love the park the way it is.

Thanks
John and Kim McGraw
Mesa verde, Costa Mesa
310-200-8015

Sent from my iPhone

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Let Them Soar

Harbor Soaring Society – Fairview
Park Song



Verse 1

On the west mesa where the sea breeze blows
Tiny wings over golden rows
Forty years of Sunday skies
Kids with dreams in their wide-eyed eyes

Verse 1 (cont.)

They marked the runway by hand in the grass
Picked up trash as the seasons passed
Silent wings, just gliders and wind
A little field where big dreams begin

Chorus

So let them soar, let them sail on the air
Over Fairview Park where the town still cares
Non-powered dreams in a quiet blue sky
Give the next kid a reason to fly

Chorus (cont.)

Mat Garcia standing at the front of the line
Saying, “This little field is a lifeline”
Costa Mesa, hear our voices roar
Save the soaring — let them soar

Verse 2

They grounded wings for a long, long year
Thought the laughter might disappear
But the club came back, first and third Saturdays
Sharing flight in safer ways

Verse 2 (cont.)

They walk the field, they guard the pools
Try to balance nature, people, rules
It's not machines, it's balsa and foam
Just a glider field they call home

Bridge

This is more than a hobby or a weekend thing
It's a father and daughter watching wings
It's a shy kid finding their place
In the wide-open arms of space

Bridge (cont.)

You can change the plan without closing the door

Find a way where everyone can have more

Nature and neighbors, sharing this land

Side by side, hand in hand

Breakdown / Chant

Harbor Soaring, don't let go
Fairview breezes still wanna blow
Mat says "stand up, this is our call"
We can keep the field and protect it all

From: [Patrick Flynn](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Please Protect Fairview Park as a Shared Community Space
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 6:40:58 PM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers,

I'm writing because I do not support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan in its current form. Fairview Park has always been one of Costa Mesa's most unique shared spaces, and the updates being proposed would dramatically change how our community is able to enjoy it.

I'm asking that the Plan be revised so long-standing activities can continue. This includes keeping the model glider field where it is, preserving Concerts in the Park, allowing access to the small bike and walking trails, keeping the dirt mounds, and ensuring the Goat Hill Junction Railroad remains part of the park experience. These are all things residents value, and I believe the City can work with the resource agencies to make sure these uses stay safe and compliant.

I'm also concerned about how much new fencing is being proposed. I fully support protecting sensitive species — that's something we all care about — but it needs to be done in a balanced way. Fencing off the interior of the mesa or shutting down long-standing trails goes well beyond reasonable habitat protection. Fairview Park has always been a place where wildlife, open space, and community activities coexist, and we shouldn't lose that.

Some dedicated fenced areas make sense. What worries me is the shift toward treating the entire park like a closed-off wildlife sanctuary, where kids are being told to drive miles away to fly their planes and families lose access to spaces they've enjoyed for decades. We want to protect the park, but we also want future generations to experience it the same way we do today.

Any update should stay true to the spirit of Measure AA and preserve the shared character of the park that residents overwhelmingly supported.

If the Draft Plan can't be revised to reflect these long-standing community uses, I encourage the Council to consider keeping the existing 2008 Master Plan instead of moving forward with something that limits public access so significantly.

Fairview Park should remain a place that protects wildlife and still leaves room for people, families, and the community traditions that make it special.

Please include this comment in the public record for the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Patrick Flynn
Costa Mesa Westside homeowner

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From: [Matt Shapiro](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Problems with the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:47:28 AM

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

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I have spent many, many days and nights riding my bike through the park with my daughter. They are core memories for both of us and something that makes me love living in this community.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. While I strongly support the protection and preservation of flora and fauna, this should be balanced with our community's ability to enjoy the park.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

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Thank you,
Matthew Shapiro
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

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From: dnoon6@gmail.com
To: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: RE: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:32:40 AM

Hello all,

I sent the below email as public comment for the PACS meeting on October 30th. I would like the same email to be included as comment in tonight's City Council meeting (11/18/2025) and entered into the public record.

My opinion remains unchanged. I do not wish to see reduced public access to Fairview park.

Dan Noon
949-735-7141
Dnoon6@gmail.com

From: dnoon6@gmail.com <dnoon6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 9:52 PM
To: Fvpmp@costamesaca.gov; Pacscomments@costamesaca.gov; cityclerk@costamesaca.gov
Cc: citycouncil@costamesaca.gov
Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan

Mayor, Councilmembers, PACS Commissioners, and City Staff,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan and my concern for what its adoption would mean for the Harbor Soaring Society and the flying field at Fairview Park.

For the past six months, I've been bringing my son, who is diagnosed with Autism and ADHD, to the flying field almost every weekend that it is open. What started as a simple father and son outing has turned into something truly special. He has fallen in love with flying and with the science behind how things soar. The members of the Harbor Soaring Society have gone above and beyond to welcome him, teaching him patience, problem solving, and a love of STEM.

This field has become more than a hobby spot. It's an outdoor classroom that has completely changed my son's relationship with learning. Science and math, which used to be his hardest subjects, are now his favorites. He spends hours building, experimenting, and asking thoughtful questions about aerodynamics and flight. The environment at the field is quiet, safe, and supportive, and it represents the best of what community learning can be.

I've read the report and the references to "Resource Agency recommendations" about noise, but those concerns are greatly overstated. These are model gliders, not gas powered planes. They are quieter than a kite on a breezy day.

Please make significant changes to the Draft Master Plan so that the community can continue long-

standing and meaningful uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad. I also do not support any new fencing or barriers that would reduce public access. Any revisions should respect the intent of Measure AA and keep Fairview Park open and shared, as it was meant to be.

Please include this comment in the public record for the Draft 2025 Fairview Park Master Plan Update and the October 30, 2025 PACS meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dan Noon
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From: [patricia uchytill](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [MARR, ANDREA](#); [REYNOLDS, ARLIS](#); [STEPHENS, JOHN](#)
Subject: while we were sleeping - Fairview Park
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:00:09 PM

Good evening John, Andrea and Arlis, Manny, Mike, Jeff and Loren:

Fairview Park is the best thing about Costa Mesa. It is a big reason why we stayed and raised our family here. It is unique. And we are a part of it. Gilbert Collins, Estancia biology teacher, took us out on the bluff trails at least once a week for field exploration and wildlife appreciate. As well as for learning through the clues and artifacts left behind. No book can teach that. Nor can any park with slides and rubberized matting. He helped create generations of nature lovers. That is what public access to nature can do for a community. That is how you preserve it.

Seems like just yesterday when we fought against turning it into a bunch of soccer fields. Well, this extreme end not the answer. Kids sword fighting with sticks and running through trails? Pretty darn healthy compared to the contrived everything else.

We have been very patient since Covid and the promises the trails would re-open. Now actually fencing them off seems like a violation of our trust put in you. Walking through nature, not on the outside of it, like everywhere in our paved over world... it feels good. You feel alive in the heart of it. Connected. The people of Costa Mesa want that depth of existence. There is nothing better. Please don't make us feel like we are in a museum with the heart fenced off like everywhere else.

Many Costa Mesans crave walking away for a few and being in solitude. What is at stake here is last piece of safe nature walking in the city. As a woman, the Fairview Park trails (not the loop around the outside of it) are the only trails I feel safe coming to alone. Down below is scarier. Riskier. While we were all sleeping, plans were being made by a small committee to fence it off and keep us out. This is highly unpopular. Many need to be IN nature for their mental health.

Patty Forbath Uchytill

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From: [Cynthia McDonald](#)
To: [PETTIS, JEFF](#); [REYNOLDS, ARLIS](#); [CHAVEZ, MANUEL](#); [STEPHENS, JOHN](#); [MARR, ANDREA](#); [GAMEROS, LOREN](#); [BULEY, MIKE](#)
Cc: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: 11/18/25 City Council Meeting - New Business Item 1: Support for Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:03:02 AM

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update (MPU). Below are my key points regarding the MPU:

1. Conservation and Protection: **State and federal agencies have made it clear: the current situation with Harbor Soaring Society cannot continue.** The City must relocate the fly field away from the vernal pool complex or face fines and long-term oversight by regulatory agencies. There is already a conservation easement on the wetlands—similar protections should be extended to the rest of the park.
2. Fiscal Responsibility: **Keeping the fly field in the park is cost prohibitive.** Relocating it—even to the Eastside—would require undetermined construction costs, a **\$50K–\$100K** take permit, and **\$10K annually** for a biologist’s report. This is not practical when other suitable locations exist, such as established recreation parks.
3. Fair Cost Sharing: **HSS currently pays nothing for its use of the park, ranger staffing, or other City-incurred costs.** The City must require HSS to cover these expenses, including the take permit and annual biologist report, if required. If not, then every resident should expect similar perks. **I would like a free reserved tennis court and a playing field for me and my friends.**
4. Relocating Fly Field: **Moving glider activity to another part of the park will not solve the problem.** The Eastside has wildlife concerns, including **burrowing owl** and **Crotch’s bumble bee**. The **launching winch will still damage the habitat** (see photos of existing launch area and retrieval zone). Grading is prohibited on the archeological site. **Errant gliders could land on Placentia Avenue**, creating safety hazards. A better location would be Balearic Park, where westward launches could occur safely. Note: **No other city in Orange County allows gliders/planes to fly in its public parks**, with the exception of Laguna Niguel, which has one park in a gated community for gliders who have **passed a test** for a permit.

5. Enforcement and Staffing: **Lack of enforcement is the largest source of problems in the park.** Fencing will help, but compliance has been inconsistent. Provide funding for enforcement and safety: assign a full-time park ranger and install cameras in high-risk areas. Any lighting changes must meet Dark Sky standards and avoid harming wildlife.
6. Bike Trails: **Restrict bikes to paved trails to protect sensitive artifacts and species.** The proposed pedestrian trail near Canary Stairs must remain DG or compacted dirt due to water authority easements. Implement a **speed limit** for bikes.
7. Pedestrian Paths: **Limit trails to those in the Master Plan**, except for any trail that has become overgrown from disuse. Enforce rules to keep people and dogs out of restricted areas.
8. Fencing and Signage: **Install fencing and consistent signage** to prevent access to unsafe areas, such as the bluff. Use QR codes with multilingual options and maintain design continuity with Talbert Park and Randall Preserve.
9. Remove Improper Materials: Remove and dispose of inappropriate fill and **mounds that pose safety hazards.**
10. Rename the Park: Suggested new name: **Fairview Nature Preserve.** This would help the City to secure funding for restoration projects.
11. Clarify Definitions: Provide clear definitions for “passive use” and “passive activities.” **Consider “low impact” as a standard.** Remove glider flying from this category—it is high impact due to the cable launch system.

Managing Fairview Park has been challenging in terms of both effort and cost. The City **should consider forming a joint powers agreement with another authority**, such as the County of Orange or the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, to manage the park.

In addition to the photos of the existing fly field, I am submitting my five-year old grandson’s drawing of what he loves about Fairview Park. When asked about the gliders, he said: **“Only birds, bees and kites should fly in Fairview Park.”**

Cynthia McDonald

The attached photos were taken standing in the same spot. The first is at the end of the

launching winch looking eastward to the fly field.

This photo is looking westward to the area where gliders that failed to launch land. Note the evidence of foot traffic in the vernal pool area.

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I LOVE FAIRVIEW PARK! Elliott

From: [Betsy Densmore](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan Draft
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:18:51 PM
Attachments: [FairviewPark Steering Com Recomendations.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor Stevens and City Council Members,

Count me as a voter who asks that you prioritize Fairview Park's character as a unique and valuable nature preserve. Costa Mesa has many parks. Only one has an amazing treasure of plants, birds, animals and historical artifacts. I entreat you to abide by the recommendations of YOUR Fairview Park Steering Committee, which I attach for your convenience.

Please note that these recommendations are consistent with those put forth by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife which gently threaten enforcement action if we do not stop disturbing native, especially endangered, species. This means move the fly field out of the park and provide staff to enforce the elimination of E-bikes and other motorized vehicles, and to "retrain" the public that dogs belong on leashes and all of us need to stay on designated trails.

Finally, as someone who walks in the park almost daily, I particularly request that you resolve the flooding problems that plague the heavily used trail on the south end of the park between Pacific Avenue and Canyon Drive. It is also the only part of the mesa circuit path that is not graded so it is uneven, pock-marked and often muddy.

We are very blessed to have this fabulous space for quiet enjoyment of the outdoors. Let's make the best of it.

Best Regards,
Betsy

Betsy Densmore
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"The difference between winning and losing is most often not quitting." – Walt Disney"

God has given inner strength for the tree to survive the harshest winters. You are no less endowed. The wintertimes of life come not to destroy you, but to stimulate you to fresh enthusiasm and constructive effort." - Paramahansa Yogananda

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From: [Julie Garner](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 11:21:22 PM

I support the Fairview Park Master Plan update. I and other Sierra Club volunteer hike leaders have conducted numerous hikes in Fairview Park. Our hikes involve not only Sierra Club members but the general public as well. We enjoy the natural areas of the park and believe that the master plan should prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use. Glider airplane flying and illegal trail use have high impacts on habitats and are incompatible, destructive activities at Fairview Park.

I support the recommendations made by the City's Master Planning expert consultants, the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the PACS commission, the resource agencies, and requirements of Federal law, to protect habitats by stopping high impact glider and off-trail activities and preserve the 7 miles of trails for low-impact human recreation in the Master Plan Update.

Thank you,
Julie Garner

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Nov. 18, 2025

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I urge you to PASS THE FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE DRAFT. MIG Consultants have put much work into the update to get the facts right. The three technical reports are so complete and comprehensive and show how the site became what it is today. I appreciate that these technical reports were released as soon as completed to give the public more time to read and comprehend such detailed information. 30-days wouldn't have been enough.

I understand that the Mitigated Negative Declaration is not sufficient as a CEQA review and I expect after this update vote, CEQA will be started for whatever projects approved. And even though a project may not trigger Measure AA, it does need a CEQA review according to tribal and environmental laws. "Fairview Park has an extremely high sensitivity for buried Native American origin cultural resources." (FPMP update pg. 39) CEQA established that "a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment." (Public Resource Code, 21084.2)

A few items to reconsider in the update are as follows:

- Change name to Fairview Nature Park or Fairview Park Reserve or Preserve
- No Vehicular access into Fairview Park from Pacific Ave.
- Allow bicycles on bluff trail like they are currently allowed
- No gliderplanes in Fairview Park
- Recognize Fairview Park as a unified sacred and sensitive Tribal land.
- No route down canyon

I have read all the written communications up to date so far. There has been much misinformation put out by the gliderplane flyers and in particular their president who has a habit of spewing inaccuracies like the one below.

In 'Written Comments' for Nov. 18th, 2025 City Council meeting ,HSS claims that they only remove or mow when allowed by city staff in response to CDFW email Sept. 25, 2025.

“The goals of the Master Plan Update, as stated in the publicly available technical documents, cannot be achieved while private citizens continue to take it upon themselves to grade and mow these sensitive habitats to maintain fly field runways on City property.” (CDFW email to City of Costa Mesa pg.4)



Here is an HSS member filmed having mowed the vernal pool watershed on their own, without city staff approval or supervision. This picture was taken by a Costa Mesa resident on July 28, 2023. This HSS member quickly stopped mowing when he saw he was being filmed.

In fact, there have been many false claims by an HSS member especially against city staff and the experts. These ruthless attacks by an HSS member on city staff, and complaints about government agencies being unfair are all unfounded and unwarranted.

In fact, City staff has spent years and many hours focused on how to accommodate HSS by doing bird surveys, monitoring flying activity, and meeting with them to discuss their concerns. City committees have spent years going over information. YEARS of staff time, energy, and taxpayer dollars have financed a dwindling hobby that is desecrating Fairview Park. Governmental agencies have tried for YEARS to work with the city. The city is once again in violation of destroying habitat intentionally.

“Moving” a flyfield from west to east fails to recognize that the only thing that divides the congruous land is a road. West and east are one piece of sacred land and habitat. All of Fairview Park is a sensitive habitat as potential burial grounds for the Tongva and Acjachemen people. CEQA must be done prior to starting any project.

The years of misuse and abuse have taken their toll on Fairview Park’s nature and the wildlife is not thriving but barely hanging on, that’s why some are considered endangered or threatened.

With a new baseline and potential endangered and threatened species like the Crotch’s Bumblebee and Western Burrowing Owl, CEQA is necessary. Incidental Take Permits are authorized only when potential damage cannot be mitigated or alternative feasible options have been exhausted. This has not happened because HSS refuses to consider moving out of a vernal pool watershed and out of Fairview Park to a more suitable location.

Please use common sense and move the gliderplanes OUT of Fairview Park. If gliderplanes are so important to city council, then please find them a place where they can thrive like Fairview Developmental Center, or Balearic Park.

Please respect city staff and MIG consultants which you hired to present the facts, because they have.

Please stop wasting huge amounts of time, energy, and taxpaying dollars on a hobby that doesn’t serve the community. The city is once again in violation and all this unlawfulness should cause some of you to pause. Allow city staff to start going after the available grants and funds to give the community the nature park they want to enjoy forever.

Please pass the FPMP update.

Sincerely,

Kim Hendricks

From: [Susan Harker](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan Draft Comments
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:20:53 AM

I support Fairview Park Master Plan draft with following exceptions:

1. Remove glider planes permanently from entire park.

Since glider plane closure in 2020, birds and insects have returned to fly field area, such as swifts, swallows and red-winged blackbirds in spring & summer, Say's Phoebe & western Meadowlarks in winter. In the past, glider (and drone) activities have disrupted habitats. I have seen planes chasing feeding ibis in vernal pool east of fly field area and operators walking through field southwest of hill. They were not good stewards of the Park. State, federal and restoration agencies have also recommended no glider plane activity anywhere in Fairview Park.

The narrow-gauge railroad provides opportunities for Park users and visitors to see the East Park and may lessen off trail use. The lupines in spring are beautiful.

2. No additional opening from Pacific Avenue for emergency/maintenance vehicles. Access will be available via Canyon Avenue.

3. Both pedestrians and bicycles to use bluff top trail. Erosion maintenance to be provided.

Is it possible to direct BMX bikers to Sheep Hill in Talbert Park?

Thank you for letting me comment. Please include my comment in the public record for 11/18/2025 City Council Meeting.

Susan Harker, Costa Mesa

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From: [Lynn Friedman](#)
To: [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:28:43 AM

Dear Costa Mesa Mayor, City Council, City Staff, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners,

I support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update. It presents clear, scientific findings that uphold the public's wishes for Fairview Park to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use.

Glider airplane flying and illegal trail use have high impacts on habitats and are incompatible, destructive activities at Fairview Park.

I support the recommendations made by the City's Master Planning expert consultants, the Fairview Park Steering Committee, the PACS commission, the resource agencies, and requirements of Federal law, to protect habitats by stopping high impact glider and off-trail activities and preserve the 7 miles of trails for low-impact human recreation in the Master Plan Update.

Please allocate more funding to Fairview Park to increase illegal activity enforcement.

Thank you,

Jeff Friedman
Newport Beach resident 50 years

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Vote YES on the Fairview (NATURE) Park Master Plan Update
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:17:17 AM

From: Bob and You-lin Kingery <thekingeryus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 1:57 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <CITYCOUNCIL@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Vote YES on the Fairview (NATURE) Park Master Plan Update

Dear Costa Mesa Mayor, Councilmembers, Fairview Park Steering Committee, and PACS Commissioners,

I'm a over 40 years Orange county resident and lifelong trail runner and hiker and nature lover. Also, I am a volunteer assisting with 4th graders' outdoor nature program.

With population fast growing, Orange County's cities have extremely limited open, natural habitat space remaining. What exists MUST be preserved for our own environmental well-being as well as for the protection of the wildlife that, fortunately, remains in our midst.

Support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update and uphold the overwhelming wishes of the public for Fairview Park to prioritize habitat protection, restoration, and low-impact human use.

Glider airplane flying is incompatible within this nature space. It must be prohibited, along with all illegal trail use.

Preserve the seven miles of trails for low-impact recreation in the Master Plan Update and approve funding for fencing, patrolling, and enforcement regarding off-trail areas.

Also, please recognize this important gem within Costa Mesa and rename it "Fairview Nature Park."

Thank you,
Youlin Kingery

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From: [MUNOZ, SANDY](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: FW: Protect the native landscape at Fairview Park
Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:24:56 AM

From: Pilar Chandler <pilar.chandler@gmail.com>
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Subject: Protect the native landscape at Fairview Park

Dear Councilmembers,

I would like to see the native species protected in our local nature preserve at Fairview Park.

This park has been a second home to me and my family for decades and I have watched the changes and improvements over the years. Change can be hard, like when the fencing came in to protect the endangered fairy shrimp. That was an adjustment all park-goers had to make.

We have a rare resource of this protected open space right in our neighborhood. I would like to see it saved for our other important neighbors, the native plants, birds and other species that have an impact on our overall health and wellbeing.

Thank you,

Pilar Chandler

40 year Costa Mesa resident

25 year Costa Mesa business owner

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From: [Abril Bedarf Turner](#)
To: [CITY CLERK](#)
Subject: Fairview Park Master Plan
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 10:39:38 PM

Dear City Council,

I am writing in support of the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. I support keeping Fairview Park natural, restoring native plants to the park, supporting bird and other wildlife inhabitants of the park, and maintaining trails to allow people to enjoy the beauty of the park. I live in the Upper Birds neighborhood of Mesa Verde, which abuts the east side of the park, and I regularly walk the trails in the early morning. Watching and listening to the birds and insects and snails as they fly or crawl in the park is a simple joy for me. I am so grateful for this natural resource so close to my home.

I understand that the fate of the glider planes in the park is a hugely contentious issue. Soon after we first moved to Costa Mesa in 2003, I was delighted to see the model airplanes in the park. It looked like a great hobby that several generations of people could enjoy together. I later learned that the location of the model airplanes so close to sensitive vernal pools was causing damage to those pools, and that the planes' use of that airspace discouraged several species of birds from coming to the park in the numbers that they appeared during the pandemic, when all glider flights were suspended. Open space for nature is a rare commodity, and I believe we should prioritize preserving this natural resource for everyone in our city to enjoy. The model airplane hobbyists can find other sites to fly their planes, but we can't create new vernal pools for the fairy shrimp. I support moving the glider planes out of Fairview Park.

I also urge the city to increase its support for maintenance and trash collection in the park. It's a shame to see the trash that is left along the trails and in the brush throughout the park, and especially near the parking lot next to the Waldorf School. I have spent several hours on multiple occasions in the last 5-6 years picking up trash in the park on my own. Each time I have filled 2-3 grocery bags stuffed with trash. Additionally, the fences in the lower wetlands area of the park are in bad shape — wooden posts have disintegrated and metal cables have snapped. Once a Master Plan has been approved and trails are improved with new fencing and grading, I urge you to include sufficient maintenance costs in future years' budgets so that the fencing stays intact and the trails stay clean.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Abril Turner

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From: [Deborah Lucas](#)
To: [FVPMP](#); [PACS Comments](#); [CITY CLERK](#); [CITY COUNCIL](#)
Subject: Support for the Fairview Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 7:48:13 PM

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Thank you,

Deborah Lucas & Harold Pemstein

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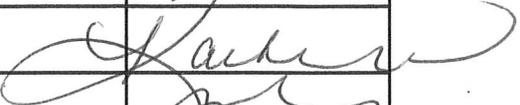
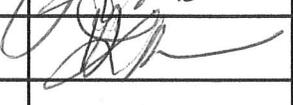
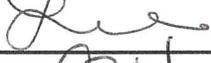
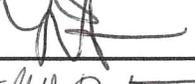
Subject: Preservation of Fairview Park and Adoption of the Draft Master Plan

We, the undersigned, urge the **City of Costa Mesa** to recognize the importance of our community values and shared commitment to conservation by **preserving Fairview Park** as a place where nature and history can continue to thrive.

Our goal is to demonstrate our collective appreciation for this vital green space and to advocate for its continued protection as an area for **passive use**—one that safeguards its rich biodiversity, protects the cultural artifacts found here, and honors the **Indigenous peoples** who have long held this land in reverence.

We believe Fairview Park should remain a space for **learning, reflection, and stewardship**, where future generations can connect with both the natural environment and the deep cultural history that makes this place so special. We therefore **urge the City to adopt the Draft Master Plan** to accomplish these goals and ensure the protection of this park for the future.

Additionally, we respectfully request that **no herbicides or chemical weed control methods** be used in the management of the Fairview Park. These substances are known to pose significant health and environmental risks, impacting not only local wildlife and plant biodiversity but also the wellbeing of visitors, children, and nearby residents. We encourage the City to implement natural and sustainable management practices that align with the park's mission of preservation and ecological balance.

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing as a resident of Costa Mesa and as Chair of the Parks and Community Services Commission. I'm disappointed to see that the robust conversation we had at the special PACS meeting on October 30, 2025 was distilled to just a few lines of text in the City Council report for this evening's meeting. I'm also disappointed to learn that even though we are a citywide Commission, appointed by each of you, PACS will not be allowed a full 10-minute comment alongside HSS and the FP Steering Committee. I think it's important that government processes be made as visible as possible, and in this regard, the stature and impact of PACS has been diminished to a few lines of text in a city report and removal from the agenda for tonight City Council's. It's unfortunate, and hopefully not representative of the esteem in which you hold the PACS Commission as a whole.

At the October 30th meeting, PACS reviewed a matrix that we found helpful for decision making. I've included it with this letter. There are a variety of additional recommendations in it, and I hope it can help your close review of the FP Master Plan. I had hoped to walk you through this in the meeting.

A note on the most controversial aspect of tonight's conversation: PACS voted 3/2 to move the flying field out of Fairview Park. This should have been noted in your agenda packet, but was not, even though Vice Chair Wright asked that it be communicated to you all. So much like your other appointed body—the Fairview Park Steering Committee—we recommend that Fairview Park no longer house the flying field. This is also in line with the paid consultant you've hired to work on the project, and multiple Fairview Park administrators. I hope that this governing body will recognize that the majority of your appointed bodies support moving the flying field.

Fiscal Accountability and Fairview Park/Flying Field

At the end of the special PACS meeting, I raised the issue of how much it will cost, financially, to keep the flying field at Fairview Park. If you can, please set aside any environmental or ethical considerations of why we might want to move the flying field. I hope what follows may help you ask questions about how much it'll cost to keep the flying field at Fairview Park.

State Protected Resource Considerations - California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Per the CDFW letter, the city would be required to obtain an Incidental Take Permit ("ITP") for the activity to remain in its current location, since the wildlife agencies (CDFW and USFWS) finds the activity to have a potential to cause "take" of listed species. **How much will a take permit cost? Is it an annual cost? One-time cost?**

- Completion of a focused study examining the specific project area identifying biological resources, sensitive species and vegetation communities. **How much will this "focused study" cost the city?**

- A project description of proposed project activities and impacts. **Will the cost for this work be a part of the focused study (above), or the work of a different consultant/city staff member? What are the financial costs associated with this work?**

The applicant/City of Costa Mesa would propose mitigation measures that, based on available evidence, would be sufficient to mitigate potential impact or “take” to the listed species that use the site.

- This includes mitigating the impacts to birds and avian species (non-listed species protected under CFGC), but also to CESA Candidate species Crotch’s bumble bee and the Western burrowing owl.
- When the fly field needs to be mowed or maintained in some way, there would need to be mitigation measures including surveys and monitoring. **How much will it cost to do these mitigation measures? Do we have a sense of what it costs for this work?**
- After applying for the permit, per the Consultant who performs similar consultations frequently, the CDFW would impose additional required mitigation measures and monitoring for the City. **This would have an annual operating cost impact to fulfill these required measures and complete prescribed reporting. Do we have a sense of how much this will cost?**
- CDFW is not required to issue an ITP permit if the applicant has not exhausted available alternatives (e.g. alternative locations) and has not fully mitigated the impacts, or if the activity could jeopardize the continued existence of the species (Fish & G. Code § 2081). **What happens if we don’t receive a ITP permit? Will there be fines associated with this? How much do we estimate those fines to be?**

Federal Wildlife Species Considerations – United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

- For the 2 Federally listed Resources, to comply with the ESA, the city would be required to consult with the USFWS and obtain permits to authorize “take.” **How much will this permitting process cost? Is it on an annual basis?**
- The city could be expected to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which is quite involved, and has significant obligations. **How much would it cost to develop this? Is this something that we’ll need to hire a consultant to do?**
- The city has a duty and an obligation to comply with the State and Federal wildlife protection laws. The city has a history of violations at the site, prior vernal pools violations, and there is high visibility for the agencies to impose penalties if needed. **How much is it costing us currently for the existing violations?**

- The city is having to do restoration now at a large expense until all of the performance standards are met and with mitigating for those impacts. **Do we have a sense of how much this mitigating is already costing us?**

Also, there is a range of anticipated costs for the process of applying for these permits. **The process of applying for the permits would be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 (is this an annual cost?) for going through the permit application process.** In addition, for operating cost of the permits, permitted biologists would be required to perform annual monitoring and reporting to comply with these permits which could cost in the tens of thousands of dollars per year. **How much will it cost to hire these biologists?**

I think the flying field offers really great exposure for the people involved in the activity, and hope that they can find another place where there are fewer fiscal impacts for the City of Costa Mesa.

Best Regards,

Kelly Anne Brown, PhD
Chair, Parks of Community Services Commission (PACS)

Fairview Park Master Plan Update Recommendations					
Rec. #	Consultant Team Rec.	Fairview Park Steering Committee Rec.	Parks and Community Services Commission Rec.	Location referenced in the Oct. 2025 Draft	Present in existing Master Plan (revised 2008)
1	Provide clearly defined trails and establish a designated trail system for the park.	As-is.	Include language to adhere trails plan to City's adopted Active Transportation Plan and south bluff stairs.	Pages 11, 64, 75-76	Yes, described in graphic master plan and environmental documentation.
2	Adopt design standards for the designated trail system, including widths, materials, and designated modes of travel by trail type.	As-is.	As-is.	Pages 75-76, 96-99	Yes.
3	Finalize and adopt the habitat restoration and enhancement opportunities technical report for Fairview Park.	As-is.	As-is.	Appendix C, Pages 78-85	Partially. Habitat restoration opportunities are described generally in the high value conservation areas including the vernal pools and associated grasslands.
4	Establish a boardwalk or similar pedestrian pathway allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.	Establish functional and pedestrian pathways allowing for pedestrian access in both wet and dry seasons for approved trails (see Rec 1), including from the north end of Pacific Avenue to the north end of Canyon Drive. The pathway shall be planned and designed in a manner that protects the integrity of the vernal pools and the vernal pool watersheds.	As-is.	Pages 76, 82, 98	Yes, partially. Seasonal ponding and drainage issues are described generally in the area, and potential improvements are discussed to maintain use/access.
5	Provide for long-term preservation of the vernal pools and their associated watersheds using suitable fencing, interpretive displays, and the removal of unauthorized user-defined trails that have formed through the vernal pool watersheds.	As-is.	As-is.	Page 69, 75,81-82, 85, 96, Appendix B	Yes, partially. Fencing and other physical protective barriers are described in the 2008 master plan and adopted as mitigation measures in CEQA environmental documentation.
6	Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field. Staff is working with the model flying club to identify potential alternative flying sites for the activity.	Relocate the fly field activity currently located within the vernal pool watershed to outside Fairview Park, due to detrimental impacts to sensitive biological resources associated with the activity and required maintenance of the fly field.	As is. Revise to exploring outside of Fairview Park. (3-2)	Page 69, Appendix B	The 2008 Master Plan does not use the term "fly field", but refers to the "silent flyer launch/land site", which is to be adjacent to the restroom facility in the lawn area.
7	Revegetate and restore excessive areas of barren ground and exposed soil using ecologically appropriate native vegetation.	As-is.	As-is.	Pages 50, 102	Yes. Fill removal and native plant revegetation are identified in 2008 Master Plan and are adopted as a mitigation measure in the CEQA documentation.
8	Provide for a potential native plant growing space on the east side of Fairview Park in a location that avoids impacts to native habitat. The growing space shall be planned and designed in consultation with a qualified restoration ecologist.	As-is.	As-is.	Pages 11, 100, 102	No.
9	Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the exceptional conservation value of the site, and the importance of local and global biodiversity preservation.	As-is.	Add multi-language content, accessibility, all ages, and diversity of cultural perspectives.	Pages 12, 18, 55, 64, 67, 69, 73, 77, 100	Yes, partially. Interpretive opportunities are described in the 2008 Master Plan.
10	Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between human mental and physical health, and ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.	Utilize the site to enhance community education about the nexus between (1) human health and (2) ecological health and conservation of natural open spaces.	As is	Pages 77, 99	Yes, this theme is discussed partially in the 2008 plan.
11	Provide for improved and updated signage and interpretive materials to highlight the cultural history of the site, indigenous ecology, and to recognize the site's significance to tribal communities.	As-is.	As is	Pages 12, 55, 58, 64, 69, 73, 77, 100	Yes, partially. Interpretive opportunities are described in the 2008 Master Plan.
12	Provide for an on-site maintenance and storage facility, or designated area on the east side for efficient storage and use of Fairview Park restoration tools and equipment, and to support the operations of the native plant growing space.	As-is.	As is	Pages 100, 102	Yes, partially. A museum/multi-purpose building is shown on the east side of Placentia Ave.
13	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for unsuitable fill removal and restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for the removal of unsuitable fill material (imported fill material placed on the Mesa in the late 1980s), protection of culturally sensitive resources, and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park mesa.	As is	Pages 11, 56, 65, 69, 71-72, 82, 87, 100, 102, Appendix C	Yes, fill removal is recognized in the 2008 Master Plan, which calls for the City to prepare a phasing plan to remove the unsuitable fill in a manner that protects the vernal pools, sensitive biological resources, and prevents damage to the cultural resources site.
14	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs.	Continue the current Master Plan recommendation that calls for stabilization and habitat restoration of the Fairview Park west bluffs to protect natural resources and public safety.	As is	Pages 64, 71, 83, 88-89, Appendix C	Yes.
15	Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to the youth while onboard the model train circuit.	Continue the operation of the model train railroad facilities, and integrate environmental interpretive content and ecological enhancements along the model train network to provide educational opportunities to all ages while onboard the model train circuit.	As is	Pages 3, 57, 59, 67, 73	Yes.
16	Adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.	Develop and adopt the Maintenance, Operations, and Management Plan for Fairview Park, including the Invasive Plant Species Management Plan for Fairview Park.	Broaden scope to address public safety, enforcement with adequate staffing resources and/or technology.	Pages 81-86, Appendix C	No. No O&M plan was prepared at the time of the 2008 Master Plan.

Rec. #	Consultant Team Rec.	Fairview Park Steering Committee Rec.	Parks and Community Services Commission Rec.	Location referenced in the Oct. 2025 Draft	Present in existing Master Plan (revised 2008)
17	Continue to build community partnerships with local organizations invested in environmental conservation, and expand opportunities to participate in community-based restoration, stewardship, and nature-based educational activities.	Continue to build partnerships with organizations invested in environmental conservation, and expand opportunities to participate in community-based restoration, stewardship, and nature-based educational activities.	As is.	Page 64, 77	Yes, partially.
18	Provide continuing opportunities for tribal coordination and participation in the implementation of the Updated Fairview Park Master Plan.	As-is.	Revise to include participation in public facing communications around historical storytelling.	Pages 10-11, 39-40, 82, Appendix D	No.
19	Provide an ADA-accessible pathway from the main parking lot to the existing paved multipurpose path west of the main parking lot.	Provide ADA-accessible pathway(s) from the main parking lot to the existing paved multipurpose path west of the main parking lot.	As is.	Pages 96, 98	No.
20	Provide a service and emergency vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue, to be accessible only by authorized public safety vehicles and maintenance vehicles.	Provide an emergency and service vehicular access point into the park from Pacific Avenue. Develop protocol guidelines for vehicular use of this access point.	As is.	Page 75, 96	Partially. 2008 Master Plan calls for a small parking lot at the northern terminus of Pacific Ave.
21	Provide for the incorporation of a central interpretive area.	As-is.	As is.	Page 99-102	Partially. The 2008 Master Plan reflects multiple small interpretive areas in the park.
22	Incorporate viewing platforms and scenic viewpoint features to enhance environmental interpretive opportunities while preserving sensitive features.	As-is.	As is.	Page 82	Yes.
23	Incorporate a nature play area near the central interpretive area.	Incorporate nature play elements throughout the park and a nature play area within the existing lawn area.	As is.	Page 11, 64, 81, 99, 102	Partially. The 2008 Master Plan shows a small play area on the south end of the park near Canyon Drive, but not in the lawn area.
24	Incorporate a native pollinator area to attract butterflies and other pollinators. The native pollinator area would replace the ornamental vegetation including invasive species currently located in the planter area.	As-is.	As is.	Pages 68, 100	No. The 2008 Master Plan shows a small play area on the south end of the park.
25	Based on community input - consider renaming the site to reflect the site's natural and cultural resources.	Modify and refine the name of the Fairview Park site to a more nature-oriented name, such as "Fairview Nature Park" to reflect the site's exceptional natural resources, significant conservation value, and lasting legacy as Costa Mesa's premier natural open space asset.	As is.	N/A	No.
26			Request City Council to consider the impact of Measure AA and the possibility that elements of the Master Plan Update may need a public vote.		

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