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Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District
510 S. Vermont Avenue
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Attn: Ms. Jane Beesley, and those copied below.

Subject: Funds from the 2013 Competitive Trails Grant Program - Grant to Palos Verdes Estates (PVE) for the "Paseo Del Sol Turnaround" in the amount of \$75,000.

Dear Ms. Beesley;

I am very proud of LA County and we thank our lucky stars for having lived here for over 44 years and having the opportunity to raise our family in such a great place. While I have not served the county in any significant position in recent years we do keep abreast of developments as best we can.

In the past I was appointed by the Board of Supervisor's to serve as Chairman of the Los Angeles Data Processing Commission for over 10 years. I also served as a technology and communications advisor to Peter Schabarum as a member of his volunteer staff for over 15 years until Peter's retirement. We will be celebrating with Peter, his family, and other friends, Peter's 80th birthday in Schabarum Park on April 5th of this year. My wife and I are also cofounders of the United State Academic Decathlon and have had the opportunity to interface with the Los Angeles School System at many levels as that program was introduced to the county schools. I also served on the 1984 Olympic Committee.

I live in the Palos Verdes area and am an avid hiker using the many trails throughout the Palos Verdes Peninsula and I recently became aware of the county grant to provide Palos Verdes Estates (PVE) with \$75,000 in funding for a "turnaround" at the end of lower Paso Del Sol road. Specifically it is my opinion that this grant for the indicated "turnaround" does not appear to comply with the intended purpose of the funds, which are stated to be "... for trails and public access."

For example the Grant Proposal Form filed by PVE indicates in section IIE that the Users/Beneficiaries of Project: are "Hikers, Fire Departments personnel, public at large." That is just not accurate and almost a misrepresentation. It is believed by me and many others, both residents of Palos Verdes Estate and of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, that the use of monies for a "turnaround" will not have this benefit, as long as hikers and the public are not allowed to park on the same street as this new turnaround.

In recent times it seems an effort has been made by the City of PVE to make the street, where this "turnaround" is proposed, to be a "private street" as evident by posted "No Outlet" and "No Parking" signs. Thus the public is currently being forced by the city to park on another street (Via Del Monte) and walk to and then down lower Paseo Del Sol to access the Fire Road trail. There are many that believe that this occurred because the resident at the beginning of this trail does not want people turning around in his drive, or using the trail at night. I hasten to add that both of these were valid concerns.

However the city's recent "dawn to dusk trail curfew" and "permit only" parking for street residents should have reasonably resolved these issues. Thus it seems obvious that having the turnaround AND the noted parking restrictions would be redundant and solely for the benefit of one individual, not the public at large.

Thus it seems to me and I feel many others that if the current parking restrictions continue and the turnaround is constructed, hikers and others would have no greater or direct access to the noted trail and no reason to use the turnaround. Such a consequence is not in concert with the objectives of the 2013 Competitive Trails Grant Program

Also the need of this new turnaround by the Fire Department and the design itself are truly both very questionable. I submit that the great majority of fire vehicles are too large for the turnaround and once a vehicle begins to descend down the Fire Road it can only exit through the opposite end. This is already currently possible. The turnaround changes nothing.

Further, the entrance to the turnaround as designed is extremely narrow so if the construction does proceed as designed it is creating a hammerhead design, not a far more practical cul-de-sac design. A cul-de-sac would eliminate the need to back-up and make it easier to use.

Therefore I submit that the turnaround would be an unnecessary public expenditure benefiting only one homeowner unless the parking restrictions are removed. I hasten to note that the reason for earlier implementing the parking restrictions will no longer exist so they should be removed.

A simple way to resolve this matter is to predicate the grant funding of the turnaround upon a modification of the parking restrictions so that public parking on Lower Paseo Del Sol will be allowed during daylight hours, but not at night to conform with the new PVE curfew.

Unless the parking restrictions are eliminated and there is an improved turnaround design with a wider entrance it is believed that grant for the turnaround will not be in compliance with the intent and objectives of the grant program to simply to benefit the public through having competitive trails for all.

Sincerely,

Bill Patton

cc: Misha Hughes, Warren Ontiveros