

YES on PRK

Charter Amendment PRK will keep our parks, waters, and beaches clean, repair and maintain park facilities, and keep recreation and senior centers open — ***without raising taxes.***

Los Angeles City's Parks Department

The Los Angeles City's Parks Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) includes...

These are affordable places for kids to play sports and stay safe afterschool and in summer, for seniors to find services, and for families to gather.

500
Parks

123
Rec & Senior
centers

52
Pools

Parks and recreation centers provide critical services, yet for decades, Los Angeles has underfunded its park system — resulting in unsafe facilities, closed bathrooms and pools, and fewer recreation opportunities.

LA's park system dropped to 93rd out of America's 100 largest cities in Trust for Public Land's 2026 ParkScore ranking.

The City's parks assessment found that LA funds parks at roughly one-third the level of similar cities. Staffing cuts have made parks less safe and clean. Facilities need nearly \$3 billion in repairs, and pools, recreation, and senior centers have reduced hours. Without action, more may close.

The Root Cause: Chronic Underfunding

Since 1925, LA has protected funding for parks and libraries. But the Parks Department's charter "minimum" has been frozen since 1937, even as the park system and the City have grown.

A 2009 policy change made it worse: 40% of RAP's budget — \$145 million — now goes back to the General Fund instead of directly to parks. As a result, RAP covers far more than it did nearly 90 years ago, on a budget that hasn't kept pace. This structural deficit has gone unaddressed for decades.

Measure PRK fixes this by gradually raising the charter-minimum property tax share for parks — from 0.0325% to 0.065% (still less than 1%) — phased in over ten years.

PRK follows Measure L, a 2011 voter-approved reform that raised the library charter minimum after the same policy forced closures, phased in to protect other departments. The result: a stronger library system. PRK aims to do the same for parks.

Why Support Measure PRK

Measure PRK will double the LA Department of Recreation and Parks' annual funding allocation **without raising taxes**. It will provide the Department the resources it needs to restore service levels and address park equity gaps.

Key Areas of Investment Include:



Recreation Services —

Restoring hours, and programs at the City's recreation centers, senior centers, museums and historic sites



Public Pools & Beaches —

Restoring cut-backs to public hours at the city's pools and support funding for City beaches



Park Trees, Nature Areas & Climate Action —

Restoring and expanding staffing for the management of City's park trees, ecologically sensitive areas



Park Maintenance —

Restoring grounds-keeping and restroom cleaning staffing at 500 parks



Park Safety — Restoring staffing levels to the Park Ranger Division and enhancing fire risk mitigation and prevention



Emergency Management —

Dedicating appropriate staffing and resources for cooling centers, shelters and evacuation centers



Planning and Project Delivery —

Restoring and expanding staffing capacity in grants administration, park planning and project delivery



Park Equity & Inclusion —

Addressing gaps in park equity |through the acquisition of new parks and the activation of additional community school parks in the communities that need them the most



Facility Repairs —

Addressing deferred maintenance and repairs of critical park building infrastructure, and improving response to graffiti and vandalism

Measure PRK is a generational change for families across LA, that rely on recreational and other programming to keep kids and seniors connected, safe and active.

Plan to Win

Measure PRK requires a simple majority to pass. According to a poll, 82% of likely Angeleno voters believe there is a need for additional funds for neighborhood parks and recreational services.

There is no stated opposition to Measure PRK. Meanwhile, there are over 100 groups and individuals supporting doubling Rec and Parks charter funding, including:

LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn
LA City Controller Kenneth Mejia
LA Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
LA Councilmember Ysabel Jurado
LA Councilmember Imelda Padilla
LA Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky
LA Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez
LA Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
LA Councilmember Heather Hutt
LA Councilmember Tim McOsker
LA Councilmember Curren Price

Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez
Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur
Assemblymember Jessica Caloza
Father Greg Boyle, Homeboy Industries
Los Angeles County Democratic Party
Trust for Public Land
LA Neighborhood Land Trust
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