



DIANNE JACOB
CHAIRWOMAN
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: June 18, 2014

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: ADVOCATING FOR A CHANGE IN STATE LAW TO EXTEND GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITIES TO ALL-WHEELED NON-MOTORIZED USES AT GOVERNMENT RUN SKATE PARKS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

On April 25, 2014, the County of San Diego cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the Lakeside Skate Park. Since its inception, the skate park has been wildly successful with enthusiastic kids flocking there daily.

The California Health and Safety codes provides local governmental immunity for injuries that occur in skate parks, where the use of the skate park is limited to skateboarding only and the agency meets certain criteria. In order to maintain the skate park immunities under current state law, the County of San Diego has imposed rules that restrict the use of the Lakeside Skate Park to skateboarders only. However, there is an interest in the Lakeside Skate Park to be an all-wheeled park with not only skateboards, but bicycles, scooters and wheelchairs.

In an effort to accommodate users in addition to skateboarding, today's action advocates for a change in state law to provide governmental immunities to all-wheeled non-motorized uses in government operated skate parks.

Recommendation(s)

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1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to seek a change in state law, specifically to California Health and Safety code 115800, that would extend local government immunity at local skate parks for other all-wheeled non-motorized recreational devices such as bicycles, scooters and wheelchairs, as well as skateboarding, and add this legislative sponsorship proposal to the Board's Legislative Program.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter for the Chair's signature to the Sacramento delegation, the California State Association of Counties and to Cities within San Diego County, expressing this Board's action and solicit their support for the concept of extending local government immunity at local skate parks for other non-motorized all-

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Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact for this action.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

Lindo Lake County Park is a 45-acre community park located in the unincorporated community of Lakeside. The park features the Lakeside Community Center, Teen Center, a softball field, tennis courts, a fishing lake, a 1.5-mile trail around Lindo Lake, a fitness walk, horseshoe pits, and family and group picnic areas.

The community of Lakeside has seen a growing population of skateboarders and other extreme sport riders who use existing busy public streets, parking lots and other places to skate and ride. The use of these areas for recreation has resulted in damage to public and private structures and placed children at risk for injury because there was no place for the Lakeside youth to skate and ride safely.

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I urge your support!

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT(S)
N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 2, Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCES(S): N/A

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