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Dear GM Kim, Councilmember Yaroslavsky, DDD Hakopiants, Deputy Macias, and SLO Allen;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association, I want to call your attention to persistent, long term issues at Holmby Park, around which our residents reside. These problems have festered for several years: the off-leash dogs problem (which should have been addressed as previously discussed with GM Kim) and the use of the park by those in recreational businesses.

Section 63.44(B) "Vend or Vending" addresses the many users of our park who day after day bring their clients to the park for class or work as private trainers. This began even prior to COVID, and has taken up precious park space, including the golf course. (Amended by Ordinance No. 183,815 effective 9/27/15. Many have boom boxes with amplified sound (Code 115.02.LAMC) that begins as early as 7 am.

It is not unusual to see sidewalks obstructed or tree limbs, benches and light posts used with ropes and bungees for exercises. There are two large vans that haul portable equipment for children's groups that use Holmby Park. Their set-up is adjacent to our new children's playground.

The second issue is the unleashed dogs that congregate on the golf green daily. This has been reported to Rec & Park with no relief to date, though I was told park rangers would handle it. It is a safety issue as several park users have been bitten, seniors are afraid to walk for fear of being knocked over, and small dogs on leash are attacked by dogs off leash.

We ask that attention be given to these problems immediately and that corrective measures be taken, including fines.

Our Board of Directors would appreciate a report back as to what is being done to restore Holmby Park to a safe environment so that young and old can recreate without fear of being attacked, without hearing boom boxes blasting, without dodging personal gym equipment, and without seeing tree limbs being broken by those exercising. There are signs posted throughout the park informing users what is not allowed. Unfortunately, these signs are ignored.

Please give some attention to this beautiful park!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandy Brown Pres., Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association

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