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We, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, (CSPNC) are writing to express our full support of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative's (LANI) grant application for Leland Park located at 863 S. Herbert St. San Pedro, CA 90731.

Previously a flourishing park in our community, Leland has recently fallen into disrepair. Due to budget cuts in the City of Los Angeles, Leland Park was stripped of its Manager, who organized appropriate activities for children and families, and the park itself has been virtually abandoned by the Recreation and Parks Department. In turn, this park became a refuge for graffiti sprayers, drug dealers and the homeless. It was so deteriorated that neighborhood children were not allowed to utilize the park. Our Central San Pedro district is sorely lacking in parks, Leland Park being the largest is the only one big enough to have a baseball diamond.

Fortunately, a recent surge in community involvement and public outcry has prompted city officials to act. While any changes to the park are still in the developmental stages, with your help, we remain hopeful Leland Park can be restored to its former self.

We thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter, and would gladly answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Linda Alexander, President
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council