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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Vice Mayor Wengraf (Author)
Subject: Referral to the November 2024 AAO1 Budget Process for \$250,000 for the design and planning for replacement of play structures and ADA access improvements at Glendale La Loma Park

RECOMMENDATION

Referral to the November 2024 AAO1 Budget Process for \$250,000 for design and planning for replacement of play structures and design of ADA access in Glendale La Loma Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$250,000 of General Fund allocated from FY 2025 November AAO1.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Glendale La Loma Park is located on a steep terraced hillside, with many different activities on different levels. On the lowest level there is a softball field, restroom, picnic areas and basketball court. On the two upper levels there are two playgrounds: one for 2–5-year-olds and one for 5–12-year-olds.

The age 5-12 playground on the second level is in need of immediate attention as the dry rot in the play equipment is threatening the future use of the playground. If the equipment is not replaced, the area will soon need to be closed to the community due to safety concerns. In addition, this level is also not ADA accessible. The \$250,000 allocation would cover the cost of design and planning for new play equipment for both levels and the design and planning of ADA compliant pathways and access. This would include a topographical survey, geo technical investigation, a community engagement process and conceptual plans for the relocation of the 5-12 playground so that it will be ADA accessible.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley purchased the first parcel of land to create a park on the site of a former quarry, in 1949. Part of the site was filled in and levelled in 1962. A baseball field and basketball courts were added in 1967, and the upper terraces were developed in 1969-1970. Glendale La Loma Park was dedicated at a public ceremony held on

November 1, 1969. In 1974, the park was awarded the National Merit Design Award by the Professional Awards Program of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

The amenities in the park include a softball field, a basketball court, picnic areas, a public restroom and two terraced playground areas for recreation for children of different ages.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Maintaining our parks in safe condition and providing accessible amenities for all is compatible with the City's environmental goals and values.

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