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Councilmember District 6

TIME CRITICAL AGENDA MATERIAL

Meeting Date: November 12, 2024

Item Description: Referral to the November FY 2025 AAO1 Budget Process for \$250,000 for the design and replacement of play structures and ADA access improvements at Glendale La Loma Park

This item is time critical per the City Manager's October 23rd email requesting Councilmembers to "submit any budget referrals for the Agenda and Rules Committee meeting on Monday, October 28th, 2024."

Time Critical Items. A Time Critical item is defined as a matter that is considered urgent by the sponsor and that has a deadline for action that is prior to the next meeting of the Council and for which a report prepared by the City Manager, Auditor, Mayor or Council Member is received by the City Clerk after established deadlines and is not included on the Agenda Committee's published agenda.

The author of the report shall bring any reports submitted as Time Critical to the meeting of the Agenda Committee. **Per BMC 2.06.060 (D), Time Critical items must be accompanied by complete reports and statements of financial implications.**

If the Agenda Committee finds the matter to meet the definition of Time Critical, the Agenda Committee may place the matter on the Agenda on either the Consent or Action Calendar



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Vice Mayor and Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 12, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Vice Mayor Wengraf (Author)
Subject: Referral to the November FY 2025 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 FY 2025 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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