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Mayor McCarty & City Council
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915 I Street, 5th Floor
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The Land Park Community Association requests you do not cut funding for core services for the 2025 – 2026 city budget.

Previous cuts to fire, parks, police and general city maintenance have impacted our quality of life in a negative manner. For example, there are over 526,000 citizens in Sacramento, yet the calls for service to Sac PD last year were over 642,000. That's about 1.5 calls for every adult in Sacramento. Something is wrong.

Many have tried to report suspicious activity or illegal behavior and received an automated response. Previous cuts have impacted public safety in our parks as well. There are less than 13 park rangers for over 230 Sacramento parks and bike trails. How safe will the new Del Rio Trail be if it isn't patrolled properly?

Last weekend, dangerous driving behavior threatened families out celebrating Easter in William Land Park. This clip is only one example from that day.
https://www.youtube.com/@landparkcommunityassociati1138/shorts

We understand The City of Sacramento is $44 million in debt and will need budget reduction strategies completed by April 30th. In difficult times like these, we believe that the City should engage in a nuanced budgeting strategy — and not implement a "one-size-fits-all" uniform budget cut across all services. Instead, it may be best to keep the core services budget static while making difficult choices to cut elsewhere from non-essential services.

We ask that you *invest* in core services in areas that can generate revenue. For example, William Land Regional Park experiences large groups every weekend. Yet, many of these visitors don't pay permits and the city loses revenue. Investing in an upgraded YPCE park permitting process could help generate valuable revenue moving forward. In addition, a large portion of Measure U money was intended to help fill in core service

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monies lost from previous budget cuts. When will we see this money go to 311, 911 services and boots-on-the-ground public safety?

We love Sacramento and many have lived here for generations. We have experienced when things have worked well in the past. We know the quality of life has deteriorated over the past ten years. Sacramento has a new mayor and city council. We look forward to walking a path with you toward smart governance and wise spending and investing.

Sincerely,

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President
Land Park Community Association

cc: LPCA Board Members