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The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council fully supports the recommendations provided by LA City Controller, Ron Galperin, in Council File 17-1063.

Parks are a vital part to Boyle Heights and often the only green space available to our stakeholders. However, the poor condition of the parks has deterred our community from using them. Having the grading system in place would grant our Neighborhood Councils, Non-profits, and Stakeholders in the community the opportunity to adequately support the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) in their efforts to improve our local parks. It is critical that we first prioritize better maintenance of our park facilities, prior to creating additional parks.

We believe the following recommendations from the report would help in creating the safe and clean parks all Angelenos deserve:

1. RAP should adopt the L.A. Parks Report Cards' approach to all community parks and develop similar grading methodologies for other types of parks.
2. The City of Los Angeles and RAP should invest more resources in community parks by expanding park hours and services to attract users.
3. RAP should implement an operation and staffing plan to improve the condition of parks, including staff to monitor and clean restrooms daily.
4. RAP should provide more programs and events at underutilized parks, especially at parks located in high-density areas.
5. RAP should continually strive to close the gender gap in the use of community parks.
6. RAP must aggressively work with other agencies to address trespasser and camping issues.
7. City leaders should support RAP efforts to replace dead trees and increase the diversity of tree species.
8. RAP should ensure the environmental benefits of the parks are enhanced and sustained.

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