

MIRA MESA COMMUNITY

A Call to Action – Protect our Seniors and Community!

As the long-awaited **Mira Mesa Community Park Phase II Improvements** and the **Epicentre** near completion, preparing to reopen, we call on our City officials to prioritize **safety and accessibility of the parking lots before either facility reopens.**

Our community has waited **more than 20 years** for Mira Mesa Community Park improvements and **more than 10 years** for the Epicentre reopening. These two important community facilities share parking lots with the **Mira Mesa Senior Center**, making the parking lot conditions a critical safety and accessibility issue for our entire community.

With public facilities serving thousands of residents, **we cannot afford to operate these facilities while deteriorated and potentially unsafe parking conditions remain unresolved.**

WE NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION FROM OUR CITY OFFICIALS:

1. **Repair and restore the parking lots before reopening.** Parking lot restoration should include: **Slurry sealing** and repairing deteriorated pavement. **Restriping** all parking spaces and traffic markings. Replacing outdated or missing **entrance, exit, and directional signage.** Ensuring **full Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** compliance, (including accessible parking spaces, access aisles, routes, and pathways, allowing individuals with disabilities safe and independent).
2. **Hold the responsible parties accountable for restoration costs! PCL Construction Services, Inc. and/or appropriate City funds should cover the necessary parking lot restoration and repairs.** **Mira Mesa Community Park Phase II Improvements** was awarded to PCL Construction Services, Inc. with construction cost agreement of **\$43.3** million and total project cost estimate of \$55.1 million. For over a year, already aging parking lots at the Mira Mesa Senior Center have endured **heavy use and deterioration from construction vehicles and equipment traveling through and utilizing the parking areas for construction.** The community should not be abandoned and left responsible to restore parking facilities negatively impacted by a major City construction project.
3. **Last Resort - Use the Mira Mesa Community Fund.** The **Mira Mesa Community Fund (400182)**, with a balance of more than **\$1 million** as of June 3, 2024, is **NOT A CITY FUND.** It is intended to benefit public improvements in Mira Mesa **identified by the community.** **If other funding sources are not available, and as a last resort,** the Mira Mesa Community Fund could be considered to address the necessary repairs, restoration, and ADA compliance.

THIS IS ABOUT SAFETY — NOT CONVENIENCE!

Our seniors use the Mira Mesa Senior Center daily. Our youth will soon return to the Epicentre. Our families, residents, and community members will soon return to Mira Mesa Community Park.

Three public facilities. One shared parking area. One responsibility: KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

Before ribbon-cuttings, before reopening celebrations, and before thousands of residents return — make sure the parking lots are safe, accessible, properly repaired, and ready to serve our community.

We urge our City officials to ACT NOW.

Protect our seniors. Protect our youth. Protect our families. Safe parking is not an option. It is a necessity.

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