

June 25, 2021

Ocean Beach Main Street Association
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Subject: Proposed Overnight Parking Lot Closures and Strategic Management Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Coastal Commission (CCC) has requested that the City of San Diego (City) determine if public interest remains for securing overnight certain parking lots located along the shoreline and in Mission Bay Park. As a stakeholder group located within a community adjacent to the coast, this letter requests you consider whether your organization supports or opposes the installation of security gates at its shoreline parks to improve public safety and reduce illegal activity.

The City historically has had overnight gate closures and signed overnight parking restrictions for over 20 years at multiple locations, including (from north to south):

- La Jolla Shores Kellogg Park – gate closure nightly
- Tourmaline Surfing Park – signed no parking nightly
- Belmont Park/Mission Beach South – signed no parking nightly
- South Mission Beach – signed no parking and gate closure nightly
- Ocean Beach Dog Beach Lot - Restricted Hours: No Parking 2am-4am
- Ocean Beach Santa Monica Lot - signed no parking nightly
- Ocean Beach Newport-Pier Lot - signed no parking nightly
- Sunset Cliffs Linear Park - signed no parking nightly
- Sunset Cliffs Ladera Lot - signed no parking nightly
- South Jetty/ Mission Point – Gate closed daily by contractor
- Crown Point – gate closure nightly
- Fiesta Island – gate closure nightly
- Fanuel Park – gate closure nightly

A list of existing locations including hours of gate or signed overnight closures is provided in Attachment 1.

Based on recent observations of after-hours activity and requests made to secure those areas at night, the City is considering additional locations for consideration for overnight closure as follows (from north to south):

- Torrey Pines City Park and Gliderport – proposed gate closure nightly
- Belmont Park/Mission Beach South – proposed gate installation closure nightly
- Ocean Beach Dog Beach – proposed to be signed no parking nightly
- Ocean Beach Santa Monica Avenue Parking Lot – proposed to be signed no parking nightly
- Ocean Beach Newport Avenue and Ocean Beach Pier Parking Lot – proposed to be signed no parking nightly
- Sunset Cliffs Linear Park – proposed to be signed no parking nightly
- Sunset Cliffs Natural Park/Ladera Street Parking Lot – proposed gate closure nightly
- East Bonita Cove – proposed gate closure nightly
- Ventura Cove – proposed gate closure nightly
- Bahia Point – proposed gate closure nightly
- Windansea – proposed to be signed no parking nightly

A list of proposed additional locations for gate or signed overnight closures is provided in Attachment 2 and Attachment 3 outlines the City's Outreach Plan.

The City invites your organization to provide input on whether the City should continue to lock gates and restrict overnight parking at these locations, whether the City should propose to lock gates and restrict overnight parking at additional locations, and whether any other coastal and bay parks should be considered for implementation or removal of restrictions.

The City also welcomes your input on closure and opening times for restricted parking lots. This would include your organization's recommendations on times at which gates are closed and reopened daily, and it would also include desired timeframes for overnight signed parking lot closures at these sites. Your organization may also recommend other locations not currently on the City's list for possible consideration of parking lot closures including installation of gates and/or signs. Please note that gate installation is limited by available funding.

To be part of this effort, staff welcomes your organization's input and would appreciate a letter from your organization that outlines your support or objections to the gate closures and overnight signed parking restrictions.

The CCC will likely require Coastal Development Permits (CDPs) to secure parking lots for three-year terms. To demonstrate community input and consideration of these proposals, City staff will incorporate your organization's letters into a larger package that City staff will submit to the CCC. If you wish to receive a copy of the consolidated request to the CCC, please contact Mr. Michael Tully at (619) 235-5922 or Mtully@sandiego.gov.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. **We would like your responses to this request submitted to Mr. Tully by September 15, 2021.** If you have questions or would like additional information for your organization, please contact Mr. Tully. If you have questions for me, please contact me at (619) 236-6643 or Afield@sandiego.gov. We appreciate your ongoing support of the City's park system.

Sincerely,



Andy Field
Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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Attachments:

1. Coastal and Mission Bay Parks with Existing Overnight Gate and Parking Restrictions
2. Coastal and Mission Bay Parks Proposed for Gate or Signed Overnight Closures
3. Coast and Mission Bay Parking Lot Overnight Gate Closures Outreach & Communication Plan

cc: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria
Honorable Council President Dr. Jennifer Campbell
Honorable Councilmember Joe LaCava
Kristina Peralta, Deputy Chief Operating Officer
Alyssa Muto, Director, Mobility Department

ATTACHMENT 1

Coastal and Mission Bay Parks Overnight Gate and Parking Restrictions

Glider Port:	Gate, has only been locked during COVID shutdown. Restricted Hours: No Parking 9pm to 4am
La Jolla Shores-Kellogg Park:	2 Gates, closed by contractor 10pm to 4am Restricted Hours: No Parking 10pm-4am
Tourmaline Surf Park:	Restricted Hours: No Parking 2am-4am
Belmont Park:	Restricted Hours: No Parking 2am-4am
Mission Beach South Lot:	Restricted Hours: No Parking 3am-4am
South Mission Beach Inner Lot:	Gate, closed by contractor 10pm-4am Restricted Hours: No Parking 10pm-4am
Ocean Beach Dog Beach Lot:	Restricted Hours: No Parking 2am-4am
Ocean Beach Santa Monica Lot:	Restricted Hours: No Parking 2am-4am
Ocean Beach Newport-Pier Lot:	Restricted Hours: No Parking 2am-4am
Sunset Cliffs Linear Park:	Restricted Hours: No Parking 2am-4am Lots A, B, C, D
Sunset Cliffs Ladera Lot:	Gate, locked open Restricted Hours: No Parking 10pm-4am Sign reads: "No Parking Gates Locked 10pm-4am"
South Jetty- Mission Point:	Gate closed daily by contractor
Crown Point:	(3) Gates closed daily by contractor
Fiesta Island:	Gate closed daily by SDPD & contractor
Fanuel Park:	(2) Gates closed daily by contractor

ATTACHMENT 2

**Coastal and Mission Bay Parks Proposed for Gate
or Signed Overnight Closures**

East Bonita Cove:	proposed gate closure nightly
Ventura Cove:	proposed gate closure nightly
Bahia Point:	proposed gate closure nightly
Windansea:	proposed to be signed no parking nightly
Gliderport:	proposed gate closure nightly
Belmont Park/Mission Beach South:	proposed gate installation closure nightly
Ocean Beach Dog Beach:	proposed to be signed no parking nightly
Ocean Beach Santa Monica Avenue Parking Lot:	proposed to be signed no parking nightly
Ocean Beach Newport Avenue:	proposed to be signed no parking nightly
Ocean Beach Pier Parking Lot:	proposed to be signed no parking nightly
Sunset Cliffs Linear Park:	proposed to be signed no parking nightly
Sunset Cliffs Natural Park:	proposed to be signed no parking
Ladera Street Parking Lot:	proposed to be signed no parking
North Cove:	proposed to be signed no parking
Ski Beach:	proposed to be signed no parking

ATTACHMENT 3

**Coast and Mission Bay Parking Lot Overnight Gate Closures
Outreach and Communication Plan**

- Date:** June 25, 2021
- Goal:** The Parks and Recreation Department (Department) desires to obtain input from beach community organizations to determine whether overnight parking restrictions can help reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime in beach communities, and therefore improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to San Diego.
- Strategy:** The Department would bring an action request forward to the California Coastal Commission to obtain permission to install and operate nighttime gates and signage to clear and close parking lots to reduce the number of illegal activities in the beach and bay areas that have had increased criminal activity and reduced public safety.
- Assigned Staff:** Andy Field, Director
Michael Tully, Deputy Director
Paul Jacob, Associate Engineer
- Areas of Concern:** The Department desires to address the problems associated with gang activity, overnight parties, and illegal camping/fires in and around parking lots in Peninsula, Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla.
- Timeframe:** The Department would conduct outreach to various community organizations between June and September 2021. A California Coastal Commission package would be routed around November 2021.
- Background:** The parking lots in coastal parks (Sunset Cliffs, Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and La Jolla) and several in Mission Bay Park routinely attract large numbers of illegal campers, gang members, and large parties.
- Gangs:**
- Crimes against persons assaults/shootings
 - Intimidating
 - Cruising
 - Violent crimes
 - Vandalism/tagging to park facilities
 - Vandalism to other vehicles

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Misuse of City Property:

- Loitering
- Illegal parking
- Theft of city services, (electricity, water, trash)
- Littering
- Drunk in public
- Illegal camping

Overnight Parties:

- Loud levels of noise
- Increased calls for service
- Littering
- Alcoholic violations/public intoxication

Intended Outcomes: Key outcomes include:

- Reduction in crime and calls for service
- Deterrence of gang activity, overnight parties, and illegal campers
- Improvement in feeling of safety for park patrons, nearby residents, and visitors to the parks

Proposal:

To meet the desired outcomes, the Department proposes to consider regulating the following parking lots with gates and/or signage for overnight closure at:

- La Jolla:
 - La Jolla Shores/Kellogg Park
 - Tourmaline Surfing Park
- Mission Beach:
 - Mission Beach South (Belmont Park)
 - South Mission Beach Outer/Inner
 - South Jetty
- Ocean Beach:
 - Dog Beach
 - Newport Avenue/OB Pier
 - Santa Monica
- Peninsula
 - Sunset Cliffs/Linear
 - Sunset Cliffs/Ladera
- Mission Bay Park:
 - Bahia Point
 - Crown Point
 - East Bonita Cove
 - Fanuel Park
 - Fiesta Island
 - Mariners Point
 - Mission Point
 - Moorland Drive (Crown Point)
 - South Shores

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- Sunrunner Lot
- Ventura Cove
- University
 - Torrey Pines Glider Port and City Park

Generally, the proposed hours of closure would be from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. or midnight to 6 a.m. with gates to be closed by security service nightly. This may vary from park to park.

Installation of gates at any location is contingent upon availability of funding to install gates.

Key Tasks:

Outreach Letter. The Department would initiate outreach via a letter to the following community stakeholders, including presentations, workshops, and/or letters requesting input. A list of organizations for outreach include:

- Clairemont:
 - Clairemont Community Planning Group
 - Clairemont Town Council
- Coastal Area Nonprofits:
 - I Love a Clean San Diego
 - San Diego Audubon Society
 - San Diego Coastkeeper
- La Jolla:
 - Bird Rock Community Council
 - La Jolla Community Planning Group
 - La Jolla Merchants Association
 - La Jolla Parks and Beaches
 - La Jolla Recreation Council, Inc.
 - La Jolla Shores Association
 - La Jolla Town Council
- Linda Vista:
 - Friends of Tecolote Canyon
 - Linda Vista Community Planning Group
 - Linda Vista Town Council
- Mission Beach:
 - Belmont Park Lessee
 - Mission Beach Town Council
 - Mission Beach Precise Planning Group
 - Mission Beach Women's Club
- Mission Bay Park:
 - Mission Bay Lessees Association
 - Mission Bay Lessees
 - Mission Bay Park Committee
 - San Diego River Park Foundation
 - UCSD/Kendall Frost Marsh
- Ocean Beach
 - Dusty Rhodes Community Recreation Group
 - Ocean Beach Community Recreation Group

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- Ocean Beach Main Street Association
- Ocean Beach Pier Café Lessee
- Ocean Beach Planning Group
- Ocean Beach Town Council
- Robb Field Community Recreation Group
- Pacific Beach:
 - Crown Point Neighborhood Association
 - Discover Pacific Beach
 - Pacific Beach Planning Board
 - Pacific Beach-Santa Clara Community Recreation Group
 - Pacific Beach Town Council
- Park and Recreation Board
- Peninsula:
 - Peninsula Community Planning Group
 - Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council
- San Diego Canyonlands
- San Diego Parks Foundation
- University:
 - Municipal Golf Committee
 - Torrey Pines Gliderport Lessee
 - University Community Planning Group

Stakeholder Review and Consideration of Request. Once notified, each community stakeholder group would consider the proposed gate and sign locations and would notify the Department in writing of its recommendations.

Permit Application Process. The Department would apply for permits from the California Coastal Commission with stakeholder letters attached to the application.

Gate and Sign Installation. If the California Coastal Commission approves, the Department would develop appropriate signage, examine feasibility and funding for gate installation, and determine appropriate implementation dates for each location.

Fiscal Impact:

San Diego Police Department: If gates and signage are approved, SDPD would see a reduced volume of calls for service in the impacted parking lots.

Parks and Recreation Department: Increased costs would be associated with sign replacements, security contract to lock and unlock gates, and installation of new gates if approved.