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Mr. Mark Schwartz
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RE: Update to the Public Spaces Master Plan

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Dear Mr. Schwartz,

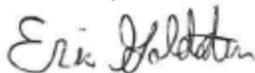
I write to you today on behalf of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) regarding the proposed update to the Public Spaces Master Plan.

The PAC has been involved in the update throughout the Plan for Our Places and Spaces process. A member of the PAC serves on the POPS Advisory Committee and we have also received regular updates from staff, and provided staff with input throughout the process.

The PAC believes that, if implemented, the plan will enhance access to, enjoyment of, and encourage use of County recreational facilities for pedestrians of all ages and all abilities. Enhanced guidelines and emphasis on universal access will ensure that pedestrians with disabilities can access recreational facilities and will encourage their use. Additionally, revised trail guidelines include many pedestrian-friendly features, such as seating, trail lights, bathrooms, and drinking fountains. They also encourage respectful behavior between all types of users, which will improve pedestrian safety. The PAC has noted previously to staff one potential area of concern: the need for additional guidelines and prioritization of snow removal from sidewalks and pathways in and around parks. We encourage you to recommend its adoption to the board.

I also want to commend the public engagement effort that took place along with this plan. The PAC has received regular updates on the plan, going back to early stages of the planning effort in early 2016, and continuing throughout the process as the plan developed as recently as our November 2018 meeting. Throughout, the incorporation of our feedback was evident.

Sincerely,



Eric Goldstein
Chair, Pedestrian Advisory Committee