

CHULA VISTA

~~CITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL~~

June 5, 2023

Dr. Eduardo Reyes
Superintendent
Chula Vista Elementary School District
84 East J Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Re: Joint-Use of Harborside Elementary School Facilities

Dear Dr. Reyes:

On August 23, 2022, the Chula Vista City Council approved a resolution authorizing the temporary closure of Harborside Park due to a variety of safety, health, and environmental concerns related to the illicit behavior and criminal activities at the park.

During the temporary closure, City staff in collaboration with many partners such as the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD), conducted extensive outreach and worked with the community to address short-term concerns and identify long-term opportunities for the redevelopment of the park site.

On May 16, 2023, the City Council considered staff recommendations to approve funding for "Phase 1" improvements at Harborside Park to provide a secure reopening. The City Council did not approve the recommendation and therefore the park will remain closed at this time. City Council's direction to City staff was to:

Evaluate and provide recommendations to City Council on 1) a joint use agreement with the Chula Vista Elementary School District to provide additional use and oversight of Harborside Park and maintain community access; and 2) options to declare the Harborside Park space surplus land and to require future developments to address community needs, such as including a recreational facility on the site.

In accordance with City Council's action, I write to inquire as to the possibility of exploring a joint use agreement between the City and Harborside Elementary that would grant the use of school facilities to the surrounding community allowing them access to green spaces and recreational opportunities. Please let me know if CVESD is interested in having discussions on the proposed joint use of Harborside Elementary school fields.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]