

LLA talk, Item 3.5, balloting. [6/18/24]

Hi, I'm Larry Ames.

I hope you saw the letter from our group of longtime park supporters.

We agree with the public you polled that the City should **not** be leasing out our parks. It's one thing to ask the public's OK for a water park or a tea garden, but quite another to ask us for a "blank check" to lease out our parks.

We also agree with the polled public that our parks **do** need maintenance – and we're willing to consider a parcel tax to help pay for it.

But the money **collected** for the parks needs to be **used** for the parks: don't pull a "bait-and-switch" on us with ballot language that could let you shift funds over to some other purpose.
Park funds are for parks!

Also, we think you'd have an easier time asking us to pay a park tax if the city wasn't **also giving away** park funds with fee discounts for high-rise developers.

We thank you for surveying the public!
We look forward to seeing how you'll use additional survey results to shape the final ballot language.

We all want our San José to be a wonderful place to live, work, and play for all of our residents!