

Our Vision for Pomona's Park Master Plan

(A working document...)

1. **Raise the Park Impact Fee to a minimum of \$10,000 per unit.** Currently, Pomona charges developers a park fee of \$675 per unit of housing constructed. Cities in our region charge between \$7,000-\$17,000 per unit. Our low fee is essentially a subsidy to developers. Park fees are established by cities to generate revenue for the purchase of new park land, or the development of new parks. The Park Fee is a critical source of revenue.
2. **No Net Loss of Parks or Park Land.** If a park is sold, the equivalent park land will be purchased or developed, so that there is no net loss of parks or park land in Pomona, nor a net loss in the total number of parks in the city.
3. **Increase Park Land in Pomona to Meet LA County's Goal of 5 acres per 1,000 people in 10 years (by 2030).** The national standard for park land is 10 acres per 1,000 people. Los Angeles County's goal for park land is 5 acres per 1,000 people. Pomona currently has only 1.49 acres per 1,000 people. Through the purchase of new land, creating parks on city land, and through "shared use agreements" with the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD), Pomona could achieve or exceed the goal of 5 acres of park land per 1,000 people in 10 years (by 2030).
4. **Plant 1,000 Trees per year in Pomona parks and along streets.** Pomona's urban forest has 12,000 fewer trees than we had in 2008. To replace what has been lost, through trees aging or dying, ambitious planting will be needed by the City of Pomona in partnership with community groups. 1,000 trees per year is a baseline. Trees add beauty and joy, provide shade, habitat, filter harmful particulate matter, reduce the urban heat island effect, and sequester carbons, reducing greenhouse gases.
5. **Implement "Shared Use Agreements" with the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) to enable community usage of school green spaces and fields after school hours, including both active and closed schools.** Schools have valuable green space that could enhance the lives of Pomona residents if it were made available after school hours.
6. **Establish a Park within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of Every Pomona Resident.** Including large parks and pocket parks. A quarter mile distance allows for everyone in Pomona to walk to a park and enhances every neighborhood.
7. **Design Parks for Evening Use in 10 years (by 2030).** Parks should have the lighting and safety features to be usable in the evening, given increasingly high daytime temperatures due to climate change, especially in the summer. Evening usage also increases recreation and community sports team options.
8. **All Park Restrooms are open and in good repair in 5 years (by 2025).** Restrooms will be available during park hours and in good repair for the benefit of the public.
9. **Implement a Park Rangers Program.** Create a program to use volunteers' talents and time to strengthen park safety, and offer broader community programming.
10. **Support the Establishment of a Non-Profit Park Foundation.** A Park Foundation will be created to raise substantial money from private donors and grants, which will contribute to realizing Pomona's Park Plan. Pomona will support community leaders in establishing this foundation.