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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 4, 2020**

### **N.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY PREPARED BY SPOHN RANCH, INC. AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO ADVANCE SKATEPARK PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AT VARIOUS PARKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

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**From:** Alec Beck <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 2:00 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Public written comment for tonight's Agenda Item N2 - Skatepark



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Dear Redondo Beach City Councillors,

The Skatepark Project (formerly known as the Tony Hawk Foundation) has been working with members of the Redondo Beach Skatepark Project for several years. Their commitment to contemporary public recreation solutions and public skatepark project best practices has been inspiring and fruitful.

The impact of a proper public skatepark is difficult to quantify in precise terms, but is understood by millions of individuals across the country and the planet. Having safe places to practice your chosen sport and artform is an essential factor in any healthy community. A place to form habitual exercise habits regardless of coaches, accessibility or practice schedules, a place to set your own goals and develop perseverance, a place to engage with other members of your community and experience diversity. A place to fall down and get back up again. To settle and center the mind, body and spirit. These experiences are all in a day's skate at the local skatepark, leading to healthier outcomes in the community.

But first, there needs to be an appropriate place to participate. Have you ever tried to dribble on a lumpy basketball court? It just doesn't work. Having an appropriate facility makes all the difference - especially when your sport is often banned in the streets. This is another reason why we implore the council to continue to support the efforts of the local skatepark group who's been working so hard to create safe space in the Redondo Beach community. Thankfully, it appears progress is in motion on multiple fronts. Our organization supports the city's aid of the Czuleger Park Skate Spot, the designation of a permanent space for the new Redondo Beach Skatepark at either Anderson or Franklin park, and all efforts the city has made to support action sports recreational facilities - especially the much needed funding. We wish more cities were like yours.

It's clear, now more than ever, that individuals young and old need a safe place to recreate, as well as a city to properly support them by understanding the situation and helping them meet their needs. Thank you for being that city.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

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**Subject:** Redondo Beach Skateparks



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Hi, my name is Lester Kasai.

I have been a professional skateboarder for 38 years. I live in Redondo Beach and I have done some walk-throughs of possible Redondo Beach Skatepark locations with David Bernier, Vince and Spohn. I live walking distance from Franklin park.

I'm very excited that these parks are being built in Redondo Beach. I have a daughter who is 3 and a son who is 5. They are ready to learn to skate and it would be great to have some good skateparks in our local community.

I sometimes go to the new skatepark in Harbor City which is a very nice skatepark built by Spohn.

I just wanted to write and show my support for these skatepark projects.

Please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

-Lester