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CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 4, 2020

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

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Dear Council Members,

As a professional skateboarder, who grew up with a small modest skatepark in Salem, Oregon, I can speak to the importance of having a safe, well designed, communal space to practice your chosen sport. Skateparks act as a second home for some kids. Finding community through activity. Skateparks are a safe haven for many people. Sheltering the youth from finding a community in other things that couple potentially have a negative lasting impact. Skateparks can truly save lives.

I personally can attest to how having a local park helped shape my life. Having a local park allowed me to practice skateboarding daily, which in turn, led to me being able to follow my dreams of becoming a professional skateboarder. After achieving my goal, I now aspire to teach others the importance of following your dreams, believing in yourself, and finding a community to work with. Skateparks are the beacon for so many positive avenues for our youth. That said, it takes a lot of effort & time to make it happen.

Please continue to support the work and progress towards creating the space for the Redondo Beach community. Now, more than ever, we need to put our focus towards empowering our youth to come together, encouraging creativity, exercise & having fun. This all starts with having a safe communal space.

Thank you for your time!

Best,

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