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Subject: No Net Loss of Parkland at Pig's Eye Park

Dear City Councilmember Nellie Yang,

On your City Council agenda this Thursday April 7 is the matter of illegal dumping on parklands at Pig's Eye Park. I am opposed to both the Wood Chipper and the Water Department dump on Pig's Eye Regional Park lands.

The Wood Chipper's lease is up in 2023. It's time this commercial / industrial business is relocated to private land zoned and used for heavy industry. They've been living off the backs of the public and the taxpayers for nigh on to 50 years.

The Water Department proposal to take an additional 6 acres of prime parkland is just adding insult to injury. The Eastside does not need yet another dump on public park land!

The City and Water Department proposal to swap land leases is a shell game. Don't fall for it!

The City (and the County) have No Net Loss of Parkland requirement in their Charters. It's time the City Council and Park Administrators to uphold the law. It is time to protect and enhance our parks, not sell them off or give them away to industrial users.

When you get past the dumps you see Pig's Eye, you see it is beautiful with wide open spaces, great views of the Lake and River, and home to legions of birds and wildlife. Plans are underway to establish recreational use of the park and to improve safe public access.

Getting rid of dump sites on public lands is the first step to take to promote, protect and improve Pig's Eye Regional Park.

Sincerely,

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