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## CREATING A **GREENER** LOS ANGELES

Councilmember Huizar is committed to addressing environmental concerns. He has pushed for significant change at every level - from rewriting citywide policy to helping to launch some of the largest solar projects in the country.

For instance, while Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee, Huizar was able to successfully eliminate the use of plastic bags in grocery stores and set a 2025 deadline for Los Angeles to go coal-free. Another example is Huizar's dedication to the "complete street" model - an emphasis that prioritizes bike and pedestrian-friendly policies as it supports mass transit. By increasing the availability of alternative transit options, Huizar has helped improve air quality and reduced pollution across the City of Los Angeles. And despite representing one of the most densely populated districts in Los Angeles, Huizar has created more than 100 acres of open space and new parks.

The Councilmember recognizes that there is more work to be done. He remains committed to the vision of a greener Los Angeles and a more sustainable future.

*"Given today's political climate, it is critical that the City of Los Angeles continues to lead the way in environmental protections. The rest of the nation will follow."*

**- José Huizar**

## LEADING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SHIFT

### PLASTIC BAG BAN

After ten years of debate, Councilmember Huizar successfully led the City in adopting a policy that phases out plastic grocery bags. While this shift had been considered for years, Huizar revived the effort in 2012 when he became the Chair of the Energy and the Environment Committee.

By January 1, 2014, the plastic bag ban took effect, making Los Angeles the largest city in the country to pass such a policy. This initiative eliminates about two billion single-use plastic bags annually and further safeguards Los Angeles' waterways from pollution and litter.



*"We've seen plastic bags clogging our gutters, polluting our rivers, and piling up on our beaches. The City of Los Angeles took a stand to protect our environment, which also sends a strong and clear message to every big city in the nation that they should follow our lead."*

**- José Huizar**

## THE ELIMINATION OF COAL

Councilmember Huizar has guided Los Angeles toward a greener tomorrow by implementing numerous strategies that will increase reliance on clean, renewable energy sources in place of coal and natural gas.

In 2013, Energy and Environment committee members, Huizar and Councilmember Koretz, collaborated with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, the Sierra Club, and a coalition of business, labor, community, and environmental groups to implement agreements with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). The agreements made Los Angeles the largest city in the country to dedicate itself to a coal-free future.

Los Angeles' decision to end its reliance on power from Arizona's Navajo Generating Station and Utah's Intermountain Power coal plants includes a commitment to renewable energy sources as well as an expansion of energy efficiency programs. This follows a trend in which municipalities are divesting from out-of-state coal plants due to the mounting financial liabilities.



*"This is truly a momentous day for the City of Los Angeles. With this initiative, we are taking the unprecedented step of eliminating our dependence on coal. Now, we need to commit ourselves to a range of renewable energy sources in order to fully maximize the benefits of this groundbreaking decision."*

**- José Huizar**



## SOLAR AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

Councilmember Huizar encouraged Los Angeles to approve two of the largest solar projects in the country. Together, they will result in an annual savings of 955,000 metric tons of carbon emissions (the equivalent of removing 184,000 cars from the road).

Huizar also supervised the development of the Clean LA Solar Program, which allows commercial property-owners to use rooftop solar panels to generate energy, and then sell that power to the LADWP. This “feed-in-tariff policy” is the largest urban rooftop solar program of its kind in the country.

Finally, Huizar supported approval of two geothermal projects that will provide power 24 hours a day and a groundbreaking \$120 million energy efficiency budget that increased the amount of spending by tenfold. The initiative includes rebates and direct installation opportunities for businesses considering renewable energy.



## ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE

In order to better track a building’s overall efficiency, Councilmembers Huizar and Blumenfield introduced a conservation effort that targets the City’s largest consumers of energy and water.

The Existing Building Energy and Water Efficiency ordinance, unanimously passed by City Council, requires structures that are 20,000-square-feet or larger to report their energy and water usage to the Department of Building and Safety on an annual basis. Every five years, these buildings are required to reduce consumption through an audit, Energy Star certification, or other approved methods.

## CLEAN AIR COMMUTE OPTIONS

In 2017, Councilmember Huizar secured \$41 million for vehicles and operations that enable the expansion of DASH bus routes. A year later, Huizar and Councilmember Koretz introduced a pair of motions that improved transportation options for commuters seeking additional clean air alternatives.

The first expanded options available to City employees by including more opportunities for telecommuting, increased access to bike share services, and larger subsidies for Metro passes and DASH fares.



The second updated the list of commuting programs and traffic-reduction strategies that the City can require when approving private developments that generate significant amounts of traffic.



These initiatives complement the construction of “complete streets”. Long championed by Huizar, the strategy provides increased access to bike share, car share, and other transportation alternatives, along with an expansion of pedestrian infrastructure.

In another arena, Huizar led the move to require additional electric vehicle infrastructure, including building code improvements to ensure future developments are “EV ready”.



### COMMITTING TO ELECTRIC BUSES

As a result of a motion co-authored by Councilmembers Huizar and Bonin, Los Angeles has committed to the electrical conversion of all Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) buses by 2030. The initiative will put Los Angeles well on its way to becoming a regional electric bus hub.

## CAPTURING AND REUSING WATER

Councilmember Huizar championed a much-needed cleanup of Exide Technologies, despite the fact that the polluted site is located outside the City of Los Angeles.

In addition, Huizar helped usher in a policy that saves millions of gallons of water from going to waste. The approach was straightforward - LADWP was mandated to recapture and reuse water that would have previously been discarded into storm drains during system repairs.

Expanding on the policy of reusing water, a motion introduced by Huizar and Councilmember Koretz changed city code to address “de-watering” (the removal of groundwater that interferes with buildings and infrastructure). Now, groundwater must be captured and reused. If that proves impossible, the water must be discharged into the sewer where it has the potential of reuse through the City’s expanded water recycling system.



## WATER SAVING BUILDING CODES

Councilmember Huizar introduced a series of changes to city building and plumbing codes that, along with improved state codes, set higher standards for conservation in new buildings in L.A. These changes include:



- Requiring pool covers for homes and duplexes
- Mandating the use of City-recycled water for bathrooms, floor drains, cooling systems and more, when the water is available within 200 feet of the property line
- Tightening standards on faucets and bathroom fixtures to cut down on water waste
- Requiring individual meters for apartments and condos with less than 50 units
- Implementing a system for all new buildings to be greywater ready, which means alternate waste piping must be installed in order to funnel discharge from showers, washing machines, wash basins, ect. in order to be used for greywater irrigation systems
- Requiring all construction projects cut back on overall water use by 20 percent



## SCHOLL CANYON DUMP EXPANSION

Councilmember Huizar helped halt the expansion of Glendale's landfill in the San Rafael Hills, which would have allowed the dump to expand by 15 stories without any commitment toward better practices or waste reduction. Huizar countered the move by calling for an improvement of recycling and cleaner operations at the landfill.

## CLEAN UP GREEN UP

Created by Councilmember Huizar in 2010, Clean Up Green Up is a multifaceted initiative that addresses the disproportionate impact of pollution on lower-income neighborhoods. It was passed by the City Council in 2015.

Clean Up Green Up requires effective air filtration systems citywide in new developments built within 1,000 feet of a freeway, encourages smaller businesses in the three most polluted areas of the City to shift to more environmentally efficient operations; and creates development codes to help address conflicts that occur where industrial development is adjacent to residential neighborhoods. The program was introduced in three pilot areas - Pacoima, Boyle Heights, and Wilmington.





## EXIDE CLEAN UP

Councilmember Huizar championed a much needed clean-up of Exide Technologies, despite the fact that the polluted site is located outside the City of Los Angeles.

Huizar was concerned about Exide because lead emissions from the plant have polluted the surrounding areas for decades. Responding to pressure from the Councilmember, Governor Brown awarded \$176 million for a clean-up in 2016. The money was dedicated toward testing and cleaning all homes, schools, daycare centers, and parks within a 1.7-mile radius of Exide. In 2019, Governor Newsom earmarked an additional \$50 million to speed up the operation.

## REDUCING NOXIOUS ODORS FROM RENDERING FACILITIES

Councilmember Huizar pushed for regulations that would dramatically reduce the presence of noxious odors emitted from Vernon's "rendering" facilities. The stench is a product of animal byproducts that are cooked down for disposal or reuse in the slaughterhouses.

After years of debate and rule development at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Huizar helped craft new guidelines with input and support from community members and environmentalists. Now, the facilities are compelled to reduce the odors that they emit and work to control and filter exhaust.



## HEALTH AND WILDLIFE

### RESIDENTIAL BEEKEEPING

Upon hearing the concerns of his constituents, Councilmember Huizar introduced an ordinance that allows for residential beekeeping. Bees are valuable pollinators in California, and their global decline is a risk to farmers and backyard gardens alike.

By legalizing backyard beekeeping, Councilmember Huizar gives a way for small-scale agriculture to flourish, while further educating residents about the ecosystem in Los Angeles.



*"We are working to become a more sustainable City to confront the environmental crises of today. Urban agriculture, bees and beekeepers, and deeper connections to the natural world are all part of the solution."*

**- José Huizar**



### SMOKELESS TOBACCO BAN

Hoping to set a good example for the youth and looking to protect the health of athletes, Councilmember Huizar led the charge to end the use of smokeless tobacco products at all baseball fields and other athletic venues in Los Angeles. The move came in 2015 when all eyes were on Los Angeles Dodgers as the team made a run for another World Series.

*"The time to act on smokeless tobacco is now. We can to save others, particularly our young people, from an extremely addictive and potentially deadly product"*

**- José Huizar**



## FARMERS MARKET

Addressing food access limitations from multiple angles, Councilmember Huizar has worked tirelessly to promote the proliferation of farmers markets throughout Los Angeles. As a result of an ordinance introduced by Huizar, all farmers markets in the City must now accept EBT as payment, which is a food subsidy that allows low-income families to purchase fresh, healthy foods at farmers markets.

In addition to the EBT requirement, Huizar has helped usher in multiple ordinances that make it easier for farmers markets to get “up-and-running” without having to go through a lengthy approval process.



## URBAN AGRICULTURE

In an effort to further expand access to green space and locally grown, fresh food, Councilmember Huizar helped develop an Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone program that allows underutilized property to be used for farming within the City.

As Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, Huizar led the adoption of a system where property owners who agree to provide their land for a minimum of five years for urban agriculture, receive tax cuts in exchange. During this time, the community is able to plant gardens, which offer income and sustenance to residents in need.



# PARKS

## PARK DEVELOPMENT FEES

In one of the most significant parks-related initiatives in recent history, Councilmember Huizar introduced legislation to increase the City's park development fees. Also known as Quimby fees, these charges are imposed on residential projects involving the subdivision of land or air space. The fee is factored on a per unit (for condominiums) or per lot basis, with the amount of the fee dependent on the zoning of property.

The measures led by Huizar dramatically improved the Department of Recreation and Parks' ability to purchase parkland and build new facilities, and they provide tax incentives for developers who install on-site recreational amenities that are open to the public. Huizar's initiative also encouraged construction of affordable housing in Los Angeles by exempting affordable units from the new fee requirements.

*"It's been 31 years since we updated our parks development fees in park-poor Los Angeles. Reform was needed to increase funding for parks by an estimated \$30 million annually citywide, adjust standards so that more green space could get built, and create incentives for developers to build parks on-site."*

**- José Huizar**





## SIXTH STREET BRIDGE PARK

As part of the \$482 million Sixth Street Bridge project, Councilmember Huizar worked tirelessly to establish park space beneath the bridge – space that would connect Boyle Heights with DTLA’s Arts District.

Independent of bridge funding, Huizar secured \$28 million to outfit the park with activities and elements requested by the respective communities. The Boyle Heights side features soccer fields, basketball courts, a skate park, playground, and a dog park. The Arts District side includes a dog park as well as a fitness zone, performing arts plaza, and a much-needed multipurpose open space.

After cost overruns threatened to eliminate many of the public elements selected by the local residents, Huizar secured and allocated an additional \$3.7 million to further fund those elements.

## BOYLE HEIGHTS



### HOLLENBECK PARK

Councilmember Huizar has affected significant improvements to Hollenbeck Park. Two million dollars was spent on cleaning the park's manmade lake, repairing the lake's bridge, repaving the jogging path, adding benches and trees, and installing outdoor exercise equipment.

Another \$400,000 went to renovating the children's playground, including the installation of a child-safe rubber surface, a climbing apparatus, a "mommy-and-me" swing for toddlers, and play equipment for various ages.

Huizar also worked with MTV personality and skateboarding legend Rob Dyrdek to bring a skate plaza to the park, which has proven popular attraction for the area's youth.



## HAZARD PARK – DEAL WITH USC

As part of the expansion of the University of Southern California’s Health and Medical Campus in Boyle Heights, the school pressed the City to construct an access road through Hazard Park. After multiple meetings with the community, Councilmember Huizar secured an agreement with the USC to vacate its plans.

Huizar also argued that the expansion would affect the community. USC responded by committing \$1,000,000 in improvements to the park, including a new jogging/running path, upgrades to the gym, outdoor basketball/tennis courts and restrooms, outdoor fitness equipment, a toddler play area, additional security lighting, and expanded parking for visitors, as well as another \$100,000 to support for local youth sports programs.

Huizar was also successful in getting USC to agree to dedicate the land to the City’s Department of Recreation and Parks.



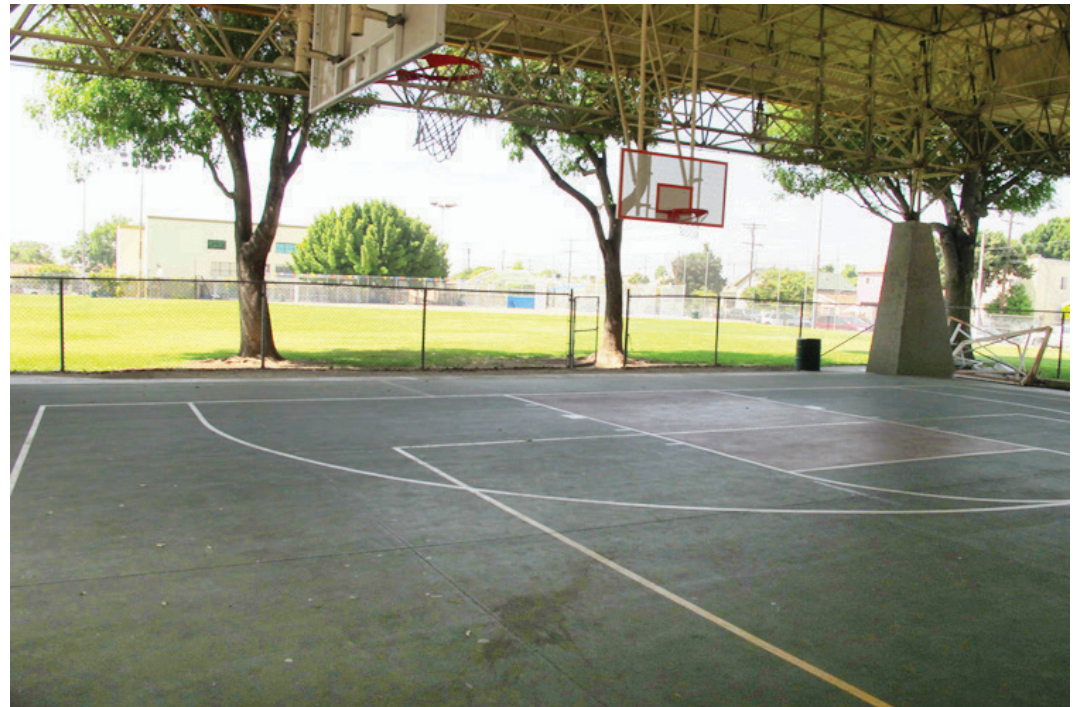
## HAZARD PARK SKATE PLAZA

Councilmember Huizar once again teamed up with MTV skating star Rob Dyrdek – this time to bring a skate plaza to Hazard Park. The location was selected because of its proximity to other Council District 14 neighborhoods. Huizar partners with Dryden, Nick Diamond, founder of Diamond Supply Co., the California Endowment and the City's Recreation and Parks Department to bring together \$320,000 for the 10,000 square-foot state-of-the-art skate plaza.

## PECAN PARK

Councilmember Huizar teamed up with the City's Recreation and Parks Department to install solar panels over Pecan Park's renovated outdoor basketball court pavilion.

The inaugural project has enabled the park to free itself from the City's electrical grid. Other upgrades to Pecan include a new gymnasium, outdoor basketball court backboards, floor stripes, lighting improvements, and playground structure.





## RAMON GARCIA PARK

Councilmember Huizar helped bring \$400,000 in improvements to Ramon Garcia Park, including resurfaced outdoor and indoor basketball courts, parking lot, and walkway around the childcare center, new basketball court backboards, a state-of-the-art baseball scoreboard, grills and bleachers, improved park lighting, and an additional shade structure.

## EVERGREEN PARK

Councilmember Huizar teamed up with Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, and First 5 LA to bring \$656,000 in upgrades to Evergreen Park.

A pair of playgrounds were constructed – and with more than 13,000 children under the age of five living within a two-mile radius, they get ample use. The improvements were shaped by suggestions from a project steering committee established by Huizar’s office.

In addition, Evergreen received Prop K funds for construction and remodeling upgrades to the recreation center, restrooms, fitness equipment, baseball bleachers, dugouts and outdoor basketball courts.







## STATE STREET PARK

Councilmember Huizar partnered with Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation, and The California Endowment to bring much needed upgrades to State Street Park.

Improvements include the resurfacing of the playground and basketball court, new playground equipment, a fitness station, and backboards. Huizar also sponsored the installation of a baseball batting cage.



## BOYLE HEIGHTS SPORTS CENTER

Councilmember Huizar worked with Recreation and Parks to bring the City's first synthetic soccer field and baseball fields to the Boyle Heights Sports Center.

The \$2.2 million project included remote control scoreboards, sports field lighting, and security lighting along the trail, basketball, and playing areas. Huizar identified City funds to complete the project when the State's budget crisis put the renovation in jeopardy.

In addition, Huizar worked with Recreation and Parks and the Bureau of Engineering to design and construct a new 17,000 square foot gymnasium and recreation center as specified under Proposition K.



## ROOSEVELT POOL

The \$2.7 million Roosevelt High School pool renovation (including new locker and shower facilities and complete upgrades to the pool and jacuzzi) was one of Councilmember Huizar's first accomplishments after assuming office. The RHS pool is one of the few campus pools operated by the Recreation and Parks that is open to the community.



## ROSS VALENCIA POCKET PARK

Built by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, this pocket park on 1st and Chicago was named in honor of "Mr. Boyle Heights," Ross Valencia.

Valencia was a beloved veteran and community activist.

## EL SERENO AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES



### ASCOT HILLS NATURE PARK

Working with Recreation and Parks, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and a dedicated cadre of local community members, Councilmember Huizar helped bring a 100-acre park to El Sereno and Hillside Village. The park was designed to include multiple hiking trails, native plantings, an outdoor amphitheater and shaded structure, restrooms, and a fully restored stream and bridge.

Ascot Hills Nature Park has become an enormously popular destination for hikers and nature lovers. The Kite Festival draws hundreds of families every year.



## EL SERENO RECREATION CENTER

Councilmember Huizar helped secured \$1.5 million for improvements to El Sereno Recreation Center. The funds were used to fully redesign and replace the existing skate park with a new one and install new restrooms closer to the park's popular baseball fields.

These upgrades stand in addition to previous improvements, which include elevated fencing around the park, batting cages, re-sodded grass, and resurfaced baseball diamonds. A new fitness zone and basketball court have been scheduled for construction.

## PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO FARMDALE ELEMENTARY

The unpaved parking lot adjacent to El Sereno's Farmdale Elementary School blew dust into the school over the dry season and was dangerously muddy during the rains. Councilmember Huizar delivered on a promise to Farmdale volunteer Robert F. Saunders when he allocated \$410,000 to pave the lot.

School officials later reported that local rates of asthma and other respiratory problems decreased significantly after the area was resurfaced. Huizar dedicated the parking lot in memory of Saunders after the latter's passing.



## EL SERENO ARROYO PLAYGROUND

Councilmember Huizar successfully worked with Caltrans to arrange an unprecedented 25-year lease agreement to the Department of Recreation and Parks to build and operate a new playground on the corner of Alhambra and Concord Avenues. Among others who partnered with the Huizar on this important addition were Recreation and Parks, The Trust for Public Land, and Vecinos de El Sereno Arroyo Playground, an organization comprised of local community members.

The El Sereno Arroyo Playground transformed a vacant 1.3 acre lot overrun with weeds into a neighborhood recreational oasis, complete with a playground and nature garden. The new playground gets plenty of visitors, with more than 4,000 children living within one mile of the site.

## ALHAMBRA AVENUE - EL SERENO ARROYO PLAYGROUND

The Councilmember worked to install a traffic signal and sidewalks on Alhambra Avenue adjacent to El Sereno Arroyo Playground. Pedestrian safety was greatly enhanced by reduced traffic lanes, a new crosswalk, and additional bike lanes.

The effort received significant support from local community members Vecinos de El Sereno Arroyo Playground and Concerned Neighbors of El Sereno.



## ELEPHANT HILL

Councilmember Huizar led the City in its effort to purchase 19 acres of contested hillside property in El Sereno and rezone an additional 20 acres. Once achieved, he helped facilitate a plan for the Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to build a walking trail on five acres of the site. Huizar effectively put an end to decades of legal battles between the community and developers.

## MONTEREY HILLS PARCEL S

In 2012, during his efforts to protect Elephant Hill, Councilmember Huizar also introduced legislation to designate Parcel S in Monterey Hills as an open space. The local community supported the effort.

Two years later, Huizar introduced legislation to ensure the open space land-use designation to be honored in perpetuity.



## GUARDIA PARK

Councilmember Huizar was able to commit District discretionary funds in order to bring outdoor exercise equipment to Guardia Park. In addition to the equipment, Huizar's Clean Communities Initiative was the force behind the reconstruction of the sidewalks surrounding the park. Other improvements included repair of the basketball courts, the purchase of new barbecue grills, and the installation of fencing at the park.





## ROSE HILLS RECREATION CENTER

Councilmember Huizar secured \$400,000 in Proposition K funding for improvements at Rose Hill Recreation Center.

The funding brought an ADA compliant path from the Northern baseball field to the restrooms, ADA parking and pathway to Northern baseball field, ADA access between restrooms and Southern baseball field, and the installation of ADA compliant bleachers.

In 2019, Huizar worked to secure Community Development Block Grant funds to make improvements to the Rose Hills Recreation Center playground and install a new heating and air conditioning system in the building itself.

## HERMON PARK

As a longtime supporter of Hermon Dog Park, Councilmember Huizar brought \$750,000 in Prop K funds to the park.

Subsequent improvements included a state-of-the-art ADA compliant playground, a fitness zone, an irrigation system, and additional security lighting throughout the park. In 2019, Huizar secured \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grants to make further improvements to Hermon.





## DTLA

### GREENING DOWNTOWN — PARKS, PARKLETS, AND RE-ENVISION PLANS

Councilmember Huizar is passionate about transforming public spaces. He believes that the City's streets, parks, and squares hold tremendous potential. Huizar's goal is to make them more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. The end result is a Los Angeles that guarantees an improved quality of life for all of its residents.

## PERSHING SQUARE

Recognizing that Pershing Square, the City's oldest park, was in need of a major overhaul, Councilmember Jose Huizar set to work. In September 2015, the City Council adopted Huizar's initiative to create a public-private partnership to reimagine Pershing Square.

The resulting nonprofit organization, Pershing Square Renew, proved an integral partner in the project, assisting with community feedback as well as the design competition and judging committee. Submissions from leading national and international firms led to the selection Agence Ter's winning design.

Construction will occur in phases. Huizar has arranged full funding for the first two phases of the project, which will open up the park and provide significantly improved access. In time, Pershing Square will be transformed into a gathering space that will be treasured for generations to come.





## FIRST AND BROADWAY PARK

With the allocation of \$10 million in Quimby development funds, Councilmember Huizar has made a long-term commitment to bringing a new park to two acres of land located at First and Broadway. The space has been vacant since the 1971 Sylmar earthquake damaged former state-owned buildings and a parking lot housed there.

The First and Broadway Park will be the Civic Center's next crown jewel. The winning design team, Mia Lehrer + Associates, proposed a design that focuses on sustainability, shade, and public gathering space. The new park will be aesthetically compatible with adjacent Grand Park and will feature a restaurant, ample space for public art, and multiple areas for visitors to engage and relax.



## SPRING STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

As part of DTLA Forward, Councilmember Huizar secured 35 raised beds to open the Historic Core's first community garden. The garden builds a stronger community by encouraging healthy eating and social interaction among neighbors.

## SPRING STREET PARK

Councilmember Huizar supervised the development of Spring Street Park, working with Recreation and Parks, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, the Historic Los Angeles BID, and developer Tom Gilmore to make certain the space met the needs of the community. After the park's opening, Huizar continued to secure funds for improvements such as additional security services.



## ARTS DISTRICT PARK

When efforts to build a pocket park in the Arts District were put on hold due to the dismantling of the Community Redevelopment Agency, Councilmember Huizar joined forces with Recreation and Parks to ensure that \$2.1 million in Quimby funds would be directly allocated to the project. A 20-year lease was signed with the Bureau of Engineering, which owns the land.

Arts District Park opened in late 2016. It's part of Huizar's DTLA Forward initiative, as well as the City's 50 park initiative. The new park includes a children's playground, performance area and mural wall.





## ARTS DISTRICT DOG PARK

Councilmember Huizar supported local volunteers who were working with a private property owner to construct a dog park in the Arts District and continued to offer his assistance after it opened.

When the Los Angeles River Artists and Business Association (LARABA), which operates the park, announced it would need to begin charging for admission to cover operating costs, Huizar donated funds to install an automated locking system. Access and security were immediately impacted, easing the strain on LARABA. The park reopened free of charge in September 2014.

## GLADYS AND SAN JULIAN PARK

Understanding that it was essential to keep parks in Skid Row open, Councilmember Huizar allocated \$50,000 in 2013 to guarantee that operations would continue uninterrupted at San Julian Park. With the state dissolving redevelopment grants for cities, the funds allowed SRO Housing Corporation to continue oversight of San Julian until City officials could establish a long-term solution. Ultimately, the State allowed the City to take over the former Community Redevelopment Agency-owned site, along with several others.

Huizar also worked with Recreation and Parks to assume control of operations at Gladys Park, then secured funds to facilitate long-needed repairs and the construction of permanent restrooms. Additionally, the Councilmember formed a public/private partnership with Nike to build an outdoor basketball court and bleachers.

More recently, Huizar supported the installation of two Automated Public Toilets (APT) restrooms in front of the park. The restrooms are staffed with attendants.





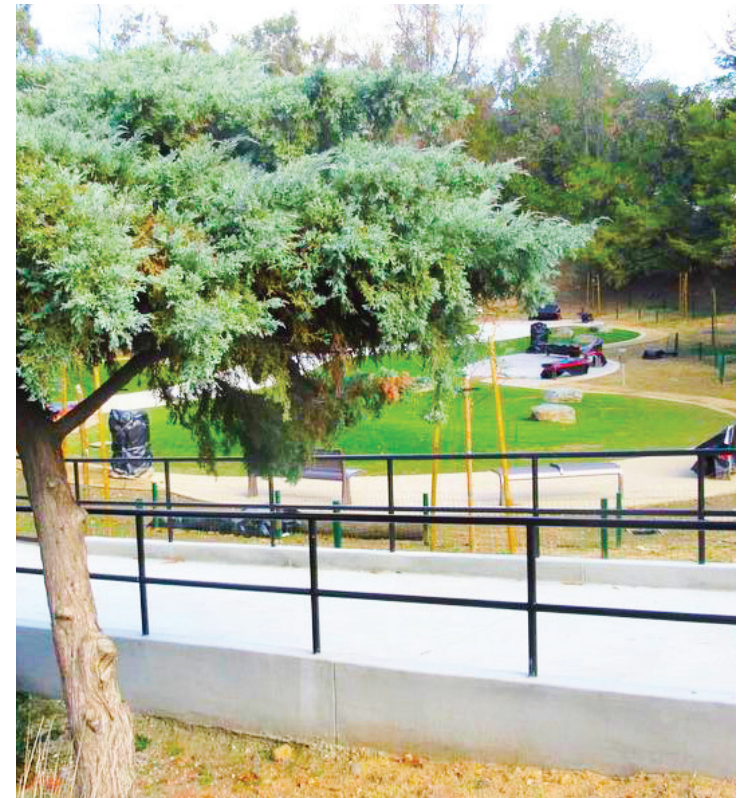


## NORTHEAST LA

### EAGLE ROCK RECREATION CENTER AND DOG PARK

Councilmember Huizar collaborated with local pet enthusiasts to construct the first dog park in Northeast Los Angeles in more than a decade. The effort started with 2,000 signatures collected by the community-based organization “Dogs of the Rock”. Buoyed by the support, Huizar fought to ensure that funding for the park would be included in the City’s 2016 budget.

Additionally, Huizar secured \$150,000 to install an Outdoor Fitness Zone, consisting of 10 exercise machines. Other improvements at the park include a new gym floor, basketball hoops, and lighting. With an eye to the future, Huizar set his focus on repairs to fencing and walkways and the resurfacing of the tennis courts. He has also requested that Recreation and Parks study the possibility of creating more ADA access.



## YOSEMITE RECREATION CENTER

After taking office in late 2005, Councilmember Huizar has worked with Recreation and Parks to upgrade Yosemite Recreation Center. Some of the highlights include the resurfacing and repair of tennis courts, enhanced ADA access, retrofitting the park's pool, installing a security-camera system, additional lighting, signage, and a new playground. Huizar also supervised the planting of a tree in honor of Northeast Trees founder Scott Wilson.



## YORK PARK

In 2015, Highland Park saw the opening of a new park at the previously empty lot on the southwest corner of York Boulevard and Avenue 50.

This was a direct result of Councilmember Huizar's York Boulevard Vision plan in which local stakeholders were asked about the improvements they would like to see on York Boulevard. Along with a new park, adopted suggestions included the City's first-ever parklet and bike corral.

Huizar provided funding and worked with Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, and Living Streets L.A. to arrange for \$2.875 million in Proposition 84 funds. Along with allocations secured by the LA Parks Foundation through the Wells Fargo UrbanLIFT Community Grant Program, total funding came to more than \$3 million.

York Park's design was selected through a voting process by the community and includes a children's play area, community plaza, picnic area, open green space, trees, a shaded area, restrooms, LED security lighting, an amphitheater, and a public library book drop.





## HIGHLAND PARK SENIOR CENTER

After taking responsibility for the area during the 2012 redistricting, Councilmember Huizar made the Senior Center the inaugural sidewalk replacement project under his Clean Communities Initiative. Huizar teamed up with the Bureau of Street Services to repair a large stretch of sidewalk bordering the center.

The Councilmember also secured \$650,000 to improve the Senior Center itself. Some of the highlights include remodeled bathrooms, ADA ramps, new tables and chairs, and a fresh paint job. Additional improvements were made in the outdoor area as well, making the space more accessible and inviting to the community.

## GARVANZA PARK

Councilmember Huizar partnered with the Bureau of Sanitation, Recreation and Parks, and Northeast Trees to install a \$3.8 million water filtration system beneath Garvanza Park.

The filtration system directs stormwater into two underground cisterns, allowing it to be filtered into the ground or used to irrigate the park. This system is the first of its kind in Northeast Los Angeles and is helping the City achieve its water quality goals for the Arroyo Seco and the Los Angeles River. As part of the improvements, a dozen trees were also planted and Huizar sponsored the installation of outdoor exercise equipment.

Previously, the Councilmember worked with Recreation and Parks to secure over \$1 million to design and construct a skate park at Garvanza. The skate park opened in 2007, along with a new playground.





## SAN PASCUAL PARK

Councilmember José Huizar collaborated with Recreation and Parks and community members, including San Pascual Neighborhood Watch and San Pascual Elementary STEAM students, to implement improvements to San Pascual Park. The upgrades came in two phases and included new restrooms, playground, basketball court, outdoor fitness area, ADA walkways and a refurbished parking lot along Comet Street.

Funding for the work was generated by a \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant. Additionally, Recreation and Parks, City Plants, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis contributed 25 new trees to the park.

## GLASSELL PARK

Although located outside the borders of Council District 14, Councilmember Huizar has consistently advocated for funding of Glassell Park Recreation Center. His primary focus has been on Glassell's groundbreaking Summer Night Lights (SNL) program – a program that has dramatically reduced gang crime in the area – and maintenance funding for the year-round pool at the park.





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LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION

**May 2013**

HEAL THE BAY AND NRDC RECOGNITION FOR LEADERSHIP  
ON THE PLASTIC BAG BAN

**July 2013**

L.A. COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION "IT AIN'T EASY BEING GREEN" AWARD

**October 2013**



An aerial photograph of Los Angeles, California, showing the city skyline and surrounding hills. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The text is centered and reads:

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**October 2013**

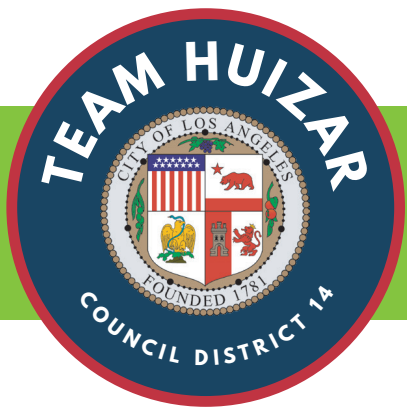
MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES FOR MOBILITY SERVICE AWARD  
**2013**

STREETS BLOG "STREETSIE AWARD" FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR  
**2016**

LOS ANGELES SUSTAINABILITY COLLABORATIVE  
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