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**A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY COUNCIL DISTRICT #2, LAUREL GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

North Hollywood .... The Laurel Grove Neighborhood Association's members and residents invite you to visit this park before you leave today and to return when major park amenities have been added.

The community gratefully appreciates plans for:

- Walking and wheelchair trails that are American with Disabilities Act compliant with new outdoor fitness stations.
- New playground equipment with safe and clean resilient surfacing and shade.
- New group picnic area with picnic tables, hydration station, pet fountain, shade canopy, and game tables.
- New butterfly garden
- New shrub, ground cover and visually pleasing hedge plantings.
- New LED lighting

As conservationist John Muir said about his time away from nature, "I am degenerating into a machine for making money." We need nature.

As new residents move into this North Hollywood neighborhood, this groundbreaking ceremony shows that the City is seeking to do more than just keeping pace with population growth.

I would like to acknowledge specifically the cooperative planning and funding efforts that have preceded today's ceremony. **Jackie Keene**, Director of Community Improvements for Council President Paul Krekorian, and **General Manager Jimmy Kim** and his senior managers at Recreation and Parks listen to our suggestions for this park. Thank you.

**Council President Paul Krekorian** himself has led major park and environmental capital improvements within a half mile of this project; City-wide as Chairperson of the Budget Committee he led a successful effort to add \$75 million to the current Recreation and Parks deferred maintenance account and to re-open City Childcare centers, including **Valley Plaza Childcare**.

Council President Krekorian's projects in this neighborhood include (partial list):

1. Artificial Turf Soccer Fields at Whitsett Ave.
2. Sound wall construction along the 170 Freeway
3. Rhode Avenue Park Installation
4. New Valley Plaza Playground
5. US Attorney Measures to Counter MS-13 Gang Recruitment
6. Stormwater Capture at Ben Ave. and Victory Blvd.
7. Community Beautification within 1 Mile of NoHo West

Thank you, Paul.