



**Date:** December 9, 2008  
**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *PH West*  
**Subject:** **PARKLAND INVESTMENT SUMMARY**

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I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information regarding park improvements in the West Long Beach area, beyond that which was provided in response to the questions raised in the November 18, 2008 memo from Councilmembers DeLong, O'Donnell, and Reyes-Uranga.

There is no denying that parkland is inequitably distributed throughout the city. However, the large majority of the City's efforts and available resources have been, and continue to be, devoted to the acquisition and development of new parkland in park deficient neighborhoods, including those in the western section of the City.

Since 1998, **\$188.7 million** has been invested in our parks. As shown in Chart 1 of Attachment 1, \$108.1 million (57.3%) has been invested in the western section (west of Atlantic), \$64.9 million (34.4%) has been invested in the central section (east of Atlantic, west of Redondo), and \$15.7 million (8.3%) has been invested in the eastern section (east of Redondo).

The amount of new parkland acquired mirrors the resources invested in each section. Since 1998, **126.3 acres** of new parkland have been added. As shown in Chart 2 of Attachment 1, 76.2 acres (60.3%) have been added to the western section, 39.1 acres (31.0%) have been added to the central section, and 11.0 acres (8.7%) have been added to the eastern section. A list of the parkland acquired is provided in Attachment 2, and a map is provided in Attachment 3.

The City has been incredibly creative in piecing together funding strategies and sources to sustain an average annual investment of \$18 million toward our park needs over the past decade. Only a small portion of the \$188.7 million invested in our parks since 1998 came from general funding sources. The vast majority of funding came from competitive grants, state and county bonds, Park Impact Fees, the Redevelopment Agency, and CDBG dollars.

Please let me know if you require additional information.

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Attachments

Chart 1

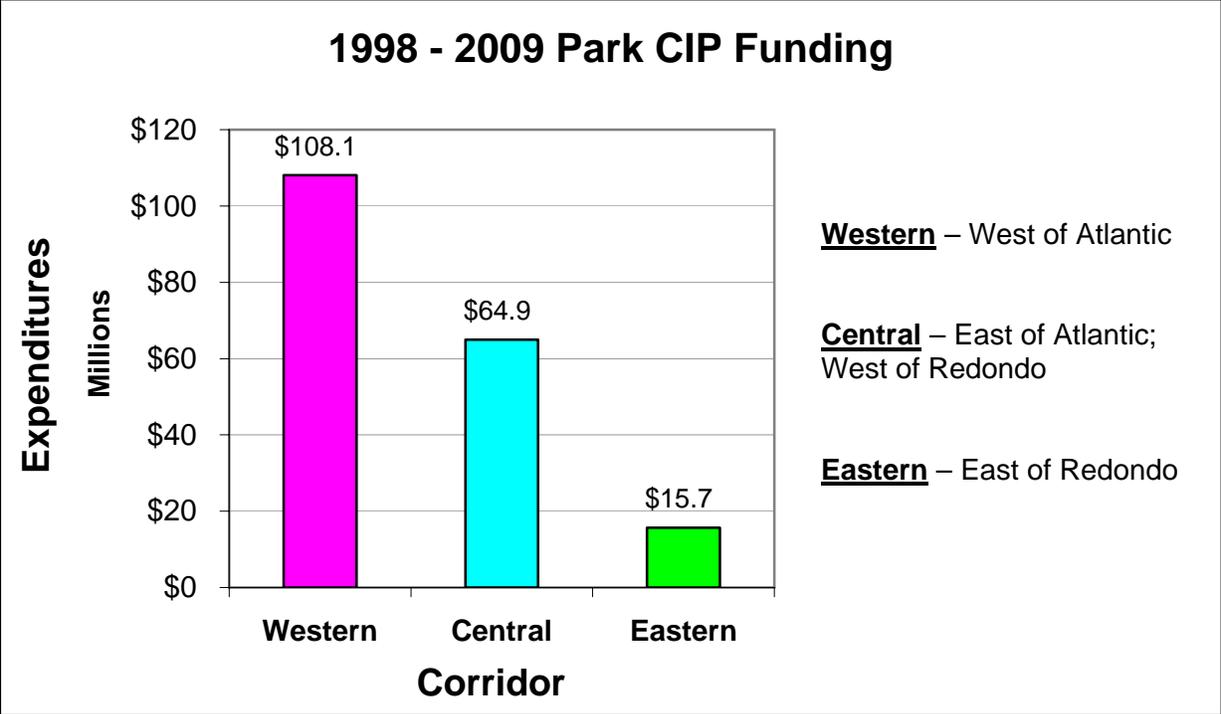
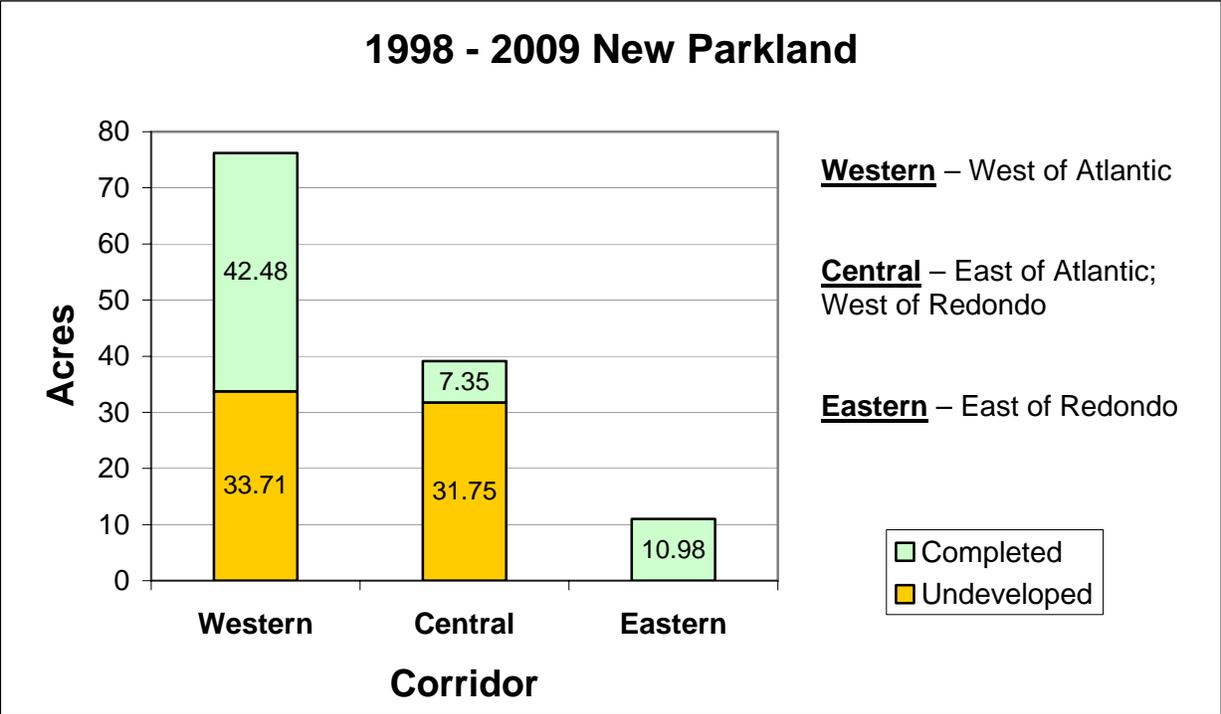


Chart 2



## New Parkland Acquired: 1998 – 2009

### Western Corridor (West of Atlantic)

#### Completed

Cesar E. Chavez	32.90 acres
Loma Vista Park	0.14 acres
Victory Park	0.95 acres
Fellowship Park	0.38 acres
Peace Park	0.40 acres
Santa Cruz Park	0.20 acres
Victory Park	0.77 acres
L. A. RiverLink	0.89 acres
Tanaka Park	1.40 acres
51 <sup>st</sup> Greenway	1.02 acres
South Street Parkway	1.30 acres
East Village Arts Park	0.14 acres
Officer Daryle W. Black Park	0.14 acres
Arbor Park	0.43 acres
Burton W. Chace Park	0.30 acres
Grace Park	<u>1.12 acres</u>
Subtotal	42.48 acres

#### Undeveloped

Drake/Chavez Greenbelt	25.60 acres
Seaside Park	2.24 acres
Molina Park	0.20 acres
L A RiverLink	0.04 acres
Admiral Kidd Park Expansion	2.56 acres
Wrigley Heights (2 parcels)	<u>3.07 acres</u>
Subtotal	33.71 acres

**TOTAL 76.19 acres**

### Central Corridor (East of Atlantic, West of Redondo)

#### Completed

Rotary Park	1.21 acres
Orange Mini-Park	0.30 acres
Davenport Park	<u>5.84 acres</u>
Subtotal	7.35 acres

## Central Corridor (East of Atlantic, West of Redondo)

### Undeveloped

851 Orange Avenue	0.34 acres
Orizaba Park Expansion	0.44 acres
Rosa Parks Park	0.40 acres
Sports Park, South	18.00 acres
Pacific Electric ROW	6.90 acres
Davenport Park Expansion	<u>5.67 acres</u>
Subtotal	31.75 acres
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39.10 acres</b>

## Eastern Corridor (East of Redondo)

### Completed

Community Greenbelt Gardens	1.40 acres
Jack Nichol Park	3.48 acres
Sims Pond	6.00 acres
Trolley Park	<u>0.10 acres</u>
Subtotal	10.98 acres

### Undeveloped

None	0.00 acres
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.98 acres</b>

# 1998 – 2009 New Parkland

