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## Supplemental Information Packet

Agenda Related Items – 2 B

Supplemental Packet Date: April 9, 2014

### Item(s)

Actions pertaining to the Universally Accessible Park (**Council District 1**) – Public Works Department

1. Adopt finding of Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15164 of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
2. Award a construction contract to Lewis C. Nelson and Sons, Inc., of Selma, California in the amount of \$7,819,000 for the Universally Accessible Park, Bid File – 3312
3. \* **RESOLUTION** - 41<sup>st</sup> amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution (AAR) No. 2013-98 appropriating \$748,800 for the construction of the Universally Accessible Park (**Requires 5 affirmative votes**)

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**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Jennifer Coke <jcoke@ricv.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 12:13 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspiration Park, also known as the Universally Accessible Park (UAP)

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Ms. Yvonne Spence,

Please forward my message below to all Fresno City Council Members. Thank You.

Dear Fresno City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for Inspiration Park, also known as the Universally Accessible Park (UAP). Resources for Independence Central Valley and the city of Fresno have worked for many years to make this park a reality. Inspiration Park will be the first of its kind in Central California as it will be a fully accessible park for people of all ages and abilities.

*As a disabled person myself I have a difficult time just walking anywhere in a park. It would be great to be able to take my young child to the park to play. Without someone having to go along to play with her while I have to watch from the car or a bench.*

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Coke*

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Jennifer Coke  
Bookkeeper  
Resources for Independence, Central Valley  
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**From:** Janice Brown <janicebrown@csufresno.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 12:55 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Universally Accessible Park (UAP)

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Dear Fresno City Council Members,

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I have recently completed six years as a board member with RICV and have watched the project unfold. I also serve as Director of Services for Students with Disabilities at Fresno State, and see the opportunity to impact the lives of young people with a place where they too can have equal access to recreation, which has life long application.

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Janice L. Brown, Director

Services for Students with Disabilities

*"A resource for students with disabilities to achieve academic, social and cultural excellence"*



**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Rachelle Taylor <rachelletay@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 12:08 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspiration Park

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Hello Ms. Spence,

I am a manual wheelchair user with two small children. While I do not live in the area of Inspiration Park, I have several close friends, with small children, who do live in the area. This park would be a fantastic place for play dates for us! As you can imagine, finding a place where I can let my children roam free, as well as knowing that should they get stuck on a jungle gym, and that I will be able to roll up next to them to help them, has proven to be a bit of a challenge. The parks that I have been to provide access to the bottom of the jungle gym, where I can verbally coach my kids down, but do not have access to the gym itself. Knowing that there isn't a place that I cannot access in Inspiration Park, it is hugely comforting and will also allow me to actually play with my kids! Please help me by sending this email to City Council so that they can see there are very real people, with very real issues, that this park would provide an answer for.

Thank you!  
Rachelle Golden

**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Maria Valencia <mvalencia@ricv.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 9:45 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspiration Park April 10, 2014

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The park will be a great addition to the community as it will allow a greater part of the population to enjoy outdoor activities.

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Maria Valencia

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**Maria Valencia**

***Systems Change Advocate and Development Coordinator***

**Resources for Independence Central Valley - Fresno Office**

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[www.ricv.org](http://www.ricv.org)

[www.ricv.org/inspirationpark](http://www.ricv.org/inspirationpark)

[www.centralvalleychs.org](http://www.centralvalleychs.org)

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**From:** Yvonne Spence  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 10:03 AM  
**To:** Blong Xiong; Clinton Olivier; Lee Brand; Oliver Baiñas; Paul Caprioglio; Sal Quintero; Steve Brandau  
**Subject:** FW: Universally Accessible Park (UAP)  
**Attachments:** Inspiration Park April 10, 2014

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Here are two more letters of support.

**From:** Rebecca Fields [<mailto:rfields@ricv.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 9:59 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Fwd: Universally Accessible Park (UAP)

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I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Fields

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Rebecca Fields

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**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Yvonne Spence  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 8:32 AM  
**To:** Blong Xiong; Clinton Olivier; Lee Brand; Oliver Bajnes; Paul Caprioglio; Sal Quintero; Steve Brandau  
**Subject:** FW:

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Here is one more.

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**From:** Rebecca Orchard [<mailto:rorchard@CHILDRENSCENTRALCAL.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 8:08 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:**

Dear Fresno City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for Inspiration Park, also known as the Universally Accessible Park (UAP). Resources for Independence Central Valley and the city of Fresno have worked for many years to make this park a reality. Inspiration Park will be the first of its kind in Central California as it will be a fully accessible park for people of all ages and abilities.

As a Certified Child Life Specialist and Marriage Family Therapy Trainee I am well aware of the need of all people to experience life to the fullest extent possible as an important part of identity development. This park will provide our community the opportunity to support and validate the development and life experience of all people who live here.

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Orchard*

**Rebecca Orchard, BS, CCLS**  
Child Life Department  
Children's Hospital Central CA  
9300 Valley Children's Place  
Madera, CA 93636  
559-353-5881

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**From:** Stacey Vines <svines@CHILDRENSCENTRALCAL.ORG>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 7:20 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Accessible Park

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Ms. Yvonne Spence,

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My daughter was in an accident almost 5 years ago, that left her a paraplegic and I know she and many of her new friends would benefit from an accessible park.

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Stacey Vines

Stacey Vines  
Administrative Secretary  
Perioperative Services  
(559) 353-5368 or 35368

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**From:** Yvonne Spence  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 8:32 AM  
**To:** Blong Xiong; Clinton Olivier; Lee Brand; Oliver Baines; Paul Caprioglio; Sal Quiñero; Steve Brandau  
**Subject:** FW: Inspiration Park  
**Attachments:** Accessible Park; Accessible Park; Universally Accessible Park; Inspirational Park; Inspiration Park; Inspiration Park; FW: Support for Inspiration Park

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CITY CLERK, FRESNO, CA

The email below and the ones attached are from citizen showing support for Inspiration Park. They are being forwarded to you as requested.

*Yvonne Spence, CRM CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Fresno  
Fresno, CA  
(559) 621-7665*

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**From:** Sharon Vander plaats [<mailto:SVanderplaats@CHILDRENSCENTRALCAL.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 7:29 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspiration Park

Dear Ms. Spence,

As a rehabilitation nurse practitioner at Children's Hospital and member of the Children's Adaptive Sports Committee having the city support construction and ongoing funding of Inspiration Park is essential to the disabled population in the Fresno area. Having accessible parks and recreation areas for this population gives our "kids" and local adults opportunities to participate in recreational options similar to their able bodied peers increasing their physical health and psychological well being thus improving their ability to be contributing members of society. Please support this amazing vision.

Sharon Vander Plaats, CRRN, CPNP  
Nurse Practitioner  
Children's Hospital Central California

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**From:** Carol Kurushima <CKurushima@CHILDRENSCENTRALCAL.ORG>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 12:20 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspiration Park

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Ms. Yvonne Spence and Fresno City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for Inspiration Park (UAP). The existence of a fully accessible park for people of all ages and abilities will be an asset to the community. Children with disabilities can greatly benefit from a place that gives them the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and an adaptive playground environment. In addition, it would be an ideal location for the therapists to take children who are admitted to the inpatient rehabilitation unit of Children's Hospital due to traumatic injury to facilitate their reintegration back into the community.

Please vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thanks for your support. Carol Kurushima

Carol Kurushima, OTR  
Manager, Physical & Occupational Therapy  
(559) 353-6130  
[ckurushima@childrenscentralcal.org](mailto:ckurushima@childrenscentralcal.org)

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Easter Seals Central California

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Fresno, CA 93711  
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CITY CLERK, FRESNO CA

Yvonne Spence, City Clerk  
2600 Fresno Street  
Room 2133  
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Ms. Spence:

*Please forward my message below to all Fresno City Council Members. Thank You.*

Dear Fresno City Council Members,

I am the President and CEO for Easter Seals Central California. I am writing to express my unequivocal support for Inspiration Park, also known as the Universally Accessible Park (UAP). Such a place perfectly embodies the mission of Easter Seals Central California to provide **“innovative** services for children and adults with disabilities and their families so they may actively participate in the community with the freedom to choose how they live, learn, work and **play.**” It also offers a chance to bring together all members of the Fresno community.

The establishment of Inspiration Park in Fresno echoes what is happening across my 10-county service area in Central California. [Tatum’s Garden](#) brought the community of Salinas together to create a one-of-a-kind, shoulder-to-shoulder play experience to the children of Monterey County and their families, **regardless of ability.** Families in Santa Cruz have just begun the steps to create a [similar park](#) in that community. As with these other parks, Easter Seals Central California offers whatever support we can to make this happen.

I know that Resources for Independence Central Valley and the city of Fresno have worked for many years to make this park a reality. Inspiration Park will be the first of its kind in Central California as it will be a fully accessible park for people of all ages and abilities.

**I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park!**

Thank you for your prompt attention.

In sincere gratitude,

Tom Conway  
President and CEO

**Mission:**

*Providing innovative services for children and adults with disabilities and their families so they may actively participate in the community with the freedom to choose how they live, learn, work and play.*

Ms. Yvonne Spence,

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*I have been in a wheelchair myself for over 27 years. I know this park would mean so much to our youth who have no other options. Please vote YES as this is such an important project.*

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Art Olvera*

**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** purpleangel1163 <purpleangel1163@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2014 12:40 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspirational Park

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Ms. Yvonne Spence,

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*I am for this park to be built since I have a grandson who needs parks accessible for him since he is in a wheel chair and is not able to play in playgrounds with sand around play areas. I would like to see that my grandson would have choices to go play at any time with his little brother at the same time. That is why I support Inspiration Park/UAP*

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Connie Rabara*

Sent from Samsung tablet

**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Paula McElwee <paulamcelwee@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 5:56 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspiration Park

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Please forward this email to all the city council members. Thank you.

Dear Fresno City Council Members,

A long-time dream is going to be before you for a vote on April 10, 2014, and I want to urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of the Universally Accessible Park.

Resources for Independence Central Valley and the city of Fresno have worked for many years to make this park a reality. When Inspiration Park, also called the Universally Accessible Park, was first discussed I was serving on the board at RICV. I was so excited to have a small part in this big idea. Finally Fresno, with your support, will have a park where children with disabilities can play side by side with their family members and friends. Parents who have disabilities can take their children to the park. All citizens can participate together in this wonderful recreational asset.

Inspiration Park will be the first of its kind in Central California as it will be a fully accessible park for people of all ages and abilities.

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park.

Thank you for caring about all the citizens in Fresno.

Sincerely,

Paula  
**Paula L. McElwee**  
**Fresno, CA 93704**

**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Yvonne Spence  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 11:34 AM  
**To:** Blong Xiong; Clinton Olivier; Lee Brand; Oliver Baines; Paul Caprioglio; Sal Quintero; Steve Brandau  
**Subject:** FW: UAP

I'm passing the correspondence below as requested.

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**From:** Shannon Rivera [<mailto:SRivera@CHILDRENSCENTRALCAL.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 11:19 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:**

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I am unable to attend the City Counsel meeting and I am writing this email to show my support.

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Shannon Rivera

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I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Brown*

**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Margie Hills <Marjorie.Hills@calbt.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 9:30 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** FW: please vote YES

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**Margie Hills**  
**Vice President & Manager**  
**Fresno Main Office**  
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Ms. Yvonne Spence,

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Dear Fresno City Council Members,

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Fresno needs this park!

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Margie Hills

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I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Pierro Jackson*

Ms. Yvonne Spence,

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Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Silvia Corral-Roux*

**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Oscar Jr. Hinojosa <oscarjrhinojosa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 6:56 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Park Support

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I am currently a newly elected board member for RICV, and have a disability of my own. I have cerebral palsy and just recently graduated from University of Phoenix, with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. All I am asking is your support in voting for the UAP. I have volunteered for Special Olympics for many years and been involved with the AmeriCorps Program, as a volunteer Coordinator. Building a universally accessible park, such as the one up for vote April 10, 2014, is a great addition to the city, not only for the disabled community but for the surrounding neighborhoods. A community center which will offer services to the community is also included in the project. Again, I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

*Oscar Hinojosa Jr.*



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CITY CLERK, FRESNO CA

April 4, 2014

Ms. Yvonne Spence, City Clerk  
2600 Fresno Street  
Room 2133  
Fresno, CA 93721

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At the California Learning Connection our clients and their parents need more welcoming places where their specific needs do not become barriers to participation with others.

I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathryn Wage'.

Kathryn Wage, M.A. CCC-SLP

**Yvonne Spence**

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**From:** Stacey Vines <svines@CHILDRENSCENTRALCAL.ORG>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2014 1:13 PM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** UAP

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Sincerely,

LuAnn Joy

877 East Woodhaven Lane

Fresno, CA 93720

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**From:** Yvonne Spence  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 10:58 AM  
**To:** Blong Xiong; Clinton Olivier; Lee Brand; Oliver Baines; Paul Cappozzo; Sal Quintero; Steve Brandau  
**Subject:** FW: Inspiration Park

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I'm passing along the correspondence below as requested.

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**From:** Yvonne Morris [<mailto:YMorris@CHILDRENSCENTRALCAL.ORG>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 10:49 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Spence  
**Subject:** Inspiration Park

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As a professional working in Physical Rehabilitation for over 30 years, I have seen the measurable benefit of community integration for children and adults with all types of ability and disability.

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Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Morris OTR/L, CHT

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*As an Adapted Physical Education Specialist, I have observed on a regular basis the level of segregation, yes, segregation, and discrimination at our parks and public schools where there is an inaccessibility for children and adults who use wheelchairs for mobility to gain access onto a playstructure. This not only affects our children but also our veterans that are coming home from war disabled; utilizing wheelchairs for their mobility as well. They (veterans) like any parent, want to be alongside their children on a playstructure too. Additionally, parents of disabled children have paid their taxes too; shouldn't their children be able to play on the same playstructure as the parents of non-disabled children? And disabled veterans, well, haven't they paid their taxes 100 times over - so to speak?*

*You have been presented some critical information and a turning point of opportunity. Take it! For it will positively and collectively affect ALL individuals; not just some. Draw that line in the "playground" sand - - - and cross over.*

*Thank you for your time, prompt attention and consideration in this matter for all as I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014. What you do in Fresno County will lead other counties to follow. What a great opportunity to LEAD.*

Sincerely,

*Pamela A. Glueck*

Pamela Glueck M.Ed., C.A.P.E.  
Adapted Physical Education Specialist  
Madera County Office of Education

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Frances Reyes Acosta  
4616 N. Millbrook Avenue  
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April 8, 2014

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Fresno City Council  
2600 Fresno Street  
Room 2097  
Fresno, CA 93721

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Dear Council Members:

I respectfully submit this letter in support of Inspiration Park. Inspiration Park is also known as the Universally Accessible Park (UAP). I urge you to vote in favor of moving forward with the creation of Inspiration Park on April 10, 2014.

Resources for Independence Central Valley (RICV), with the support of a variety of other important organizations servicing our community, have worked tirelessly to make this park a reality.

This project offers our City a unique opportunity to support a successful partnership aimed at servicing our entire community. It's difficult for our City to support the Parks and Recreation sites available to our citizens today. This Park allows us to build a project that will be the first of its kind in Central California. This Park is in a unique position to reflect the support of the entire community because the entire community is able to provide the means, by which it can be maintained and developed further, by Resources for Independence Central Valley and the business/community support they represent.

I have been blessed to be associated with RICV, the Disability Advisory Commission for the City of Fresno and the Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program of the California Public Utilities Commission. These associations emphasize to me the importance of Inspiration Park, an opportunity for access for all. Providing access through this Park means providing a means of unifying all of the people of our City.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely,  
Frances Reyes Acosta  
559.281.0470