

la puerta

Claremont, California

Dear Friends -

For the past two years, we've been fortunate to meet with hundreds of residents and leaders to help craft plans for the long-closed La Puerta school site.



As part of this outreach, we heard about challenges at the neighboring La Puerta Sports Park; inadequate field sizes, limited parking, no lights for girls softball and field conditions were often mentioned as long-term issues.

Trumark believes that building homes is a social enterprise. So we attempted to solve these challenges by expanding soccer fields at the sports park and rebuilding ballfields at Cahuilla Park to create Claremont's first dedicated girls softball facility. This approach also required utilizing a small portion of the adjacent sports park, primarily to create new public parking.

However, some local neighbors, including a group called "Keep La Puerta Public," raised vocal objections to the park plan. While we believe this idea would have benefited Claremont, we respect their position on this important issue.

So we are announcing today that we have eliminated the park improvement plans - both at La Puerta and Cahuilla public parks - from our proposal. The plan will now be contained entirely to the former school site (seen above) and remain a low-density, single-family detached home neighborhood.

This updated plan also reduces the number of homes, reduces overall density, increases lot sizes considerably, and increases setbacks and building separation along public streets, all a result of local feedback.

[A summary of these changes can be found here.](#)

[View a visual tour of the proposed community here.](#)

Early on, we committed to listening and making changes that work towards a viable plan for this site. This is that process at work and we're grateful for the input from the local community.

Importantly, this compromise plan continues to deliver enormous benefits for Claremont, including:

- Nearly **\$13 million** to upgrade Claremont High School arts and theatre facilities, rebuild 50-year-old locker rooms at El Roble Middle School, and modernize elementary schools throughout town
- Nearly **\$2 million** in funding for parks, transportation and infrastructure, public art and safety
- More than **\$1.3 million** for affordable housing, plus the inclusion of affordable Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) within the new neighborhood

We thank the hundreds of individuals who have supported this vision as well as offered feedback on the plan. Compromise is an important step in the land planning process and we're grateful for the Claremont community's engagement.

Please let us know your thoughts by replying to this email or visiting the [La Puerta Claremont website](#).

Sincerely,

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