



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

February 11, 2010

The Honorable Marti Emerald  
Council Member  
City of San Diego  
202 C Street, MS 10A  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Ms. Emerald,

Congratulations on your election to the San Diego City Council, and thank you for your letter regarding an extension to a California State Parks Urban Park Act Grant for the Fox Canyon community.

I agree with you regarding the economy's impact on local communities and their parks. The December 2008 freeze on bond-funded projects was a setback to starting or completing thousands of park projects statewide. The good news is that the bond sales in 2009 succeeded in providing sufficient funds to reimburse local governments, nonprofit agencies or their contractors for bond-funded park project work.

My administration recognizes the delays in the work progress also took away valuable time from these projects, and the grant contract deadlines needed adjustment. For this reason, last year, contracts that ended in June 2009 were extended for one year. We have committed this year to extend the local assistance grants again for one year to June 30, 2011.

Thank you again for writing. I hope you'll keep in touch with me on this or anything else you want to bring to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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