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## Item 17 - Mujica

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Good Evening Mayor, Council Members, & City Staff,

My name is Charlie Mujica born & raised & a resident of National City 1325 Carol Pl National City, CA 91950. Co-owner of Slappy's Burgers & Brews a local eatery located at 1105 E. Plaza Blvd National City, CA 91950 but my favorite title by far is Vice President of Las Palmas Little League & Vice President of National City Pony here at Kimball Park. A proud server to the community & our local youth as a volunteer for now 10 plus years.

The reason for this public comment is I see item #17 on today's agenda, that there is some money available to revamp or update Las Palmas Park & Las Palmas Pool. I wanted to ask if there is anyway any of that available money can be directed to Kimball Park to the Pony baseball Field to maintenance or replace the light poles that provide lighting to that field. Most light bulbs on each tower have not been working for now the past three years & we have not been able to host our traditional night games which results in us having to travel out to surrounding leagues to play our night games.

When I took this position over ten years ago as a volunteer my ultimate goal was to connect that bridge between our local Little League ages 4-12, then having them continue playing baseball at National City Pony which caters to ages 13 & 14, ultimately having them enroll at their local High School (SUHI) instead of attending a school away from home. With that being said I believe that plan has worked looking back as SUHI's Varsity baseball was crowned league champions in 2020 for the first time since 1969. Believe it or not the lights had part of that success as we kept our local talent home vs them playing elsewhere that provided lights on their field. We are also very proud of our City & love the face lift Kimball Park got a few years back & we would love to compliment that with a well lighted baseball field!

Even if some of that available money can't be directed to fix this issue we ask you please help us get these lights working properly so the youth can workout & play without any safety concerns & again allow us to showcase one of our many gems we have in our City!

Thank you so much for your time & also for all you all do!

Charlie Mujica  
National City Volunteer

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## Item 17 - Godshalk

**From:** [Ted Godshalk](#)  
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Public comment for Item #17 on February 15, 2022 from Mr. Ted Godshalk:

Council,

The community deserves a bigger part in the discussion concerning the ARPA money. The community should have been engaged with this process before the City Manager and Mayor put together their proposed spending plan. The "Zoom Sound Chamber" you have consistently used to push plans through has become your routine, or default, operation. To piecemeal the swimming pool work, like you have across numerous agendas, has allowed you to circumvent normal CIP and planning and budget processes. After all is this pool money is spent, the \$3 million in the next agenda item is not enough. And a feasibility study of more staff needs alongside the input? Not acceptable.

Council, tonight I encourage you to postpone any more ARPA spending. Please do not approve the swimming pool rebuild project at this time. The City of National City has not shown itself to be capable of maintaining the swimming pool, or for that matter, the park restrooms and other civic assets. Granger Hall comes to mind. Why have the buildings been allowed to decay to the point where the pool wasted millions of gallons of water and the fixtures posed a rusty hazard to users? Why can you not run the facility as a city enterprise? To sink more money into the facility is not a guarantee that upkeep will be better going forward. You must consider many more ways to help your community.

There is a simple community-driven wish list for improvements to be addressed with ARPA money. The many SEE-CLICK-FIX issues plaguing our neighborhoods including:

1. reports of gang graffiti,
2. trash and serious dumping,
3. homeless camping issues,
4. pollution and trash in our creek,
5. overgrown invasive weeds and derelict trees in our parkways,
6. poor lighting, deep potholes, and street safety issues,
7. and speeding and abandoned vehicles

should all be addressed in a complete manner. Show that you really care when a resident reports something. Spending the federal money on all of our neighborhood issues should

make some sense to you. We all deserve to live in a city known as the "cleanest city" in San Diego County.

Ted Godshalk

## Item #18 - Calzada

**From:** [Silvia Calzada](#)  
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Council Meeting: City of National City

Tuesday, February 15, 2021

Re: **Agenda Item #18:** Overview of the Public Outreach Process and Participatory Budget Survey for uncommitted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. (Engineering/Public Works)

Testimony/Comment

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Good afternoon Mayor Sotelo-Solis and City Council Members

My name is Silvia Calzada. As many of you may know, I am a long-time constituent of National City and a resident leader in the West of National City.

Today, as a resident of this resilient city, I am recommending you distribute ARPA funds to fulfill the high demand of a NEW Restroom at Paradise Creek Educational Park. It will be a park & recreation expenditure well spent and much needed in the Old Town National City Neighborhood.

The lack of access to a restroom has affected the outdoor activities and mental health for children, senior & houseless resident environments. Mundo Gardens, a non-profit and administrator of the Family Garden in the park, temporarily fulfills the needs of the residents including disabled community members, and maintains its sanitary requirements to its best during business hours. **But, for how long?**

This deliverance will fulfill one of the ARPA Funding Objectives by (4) assisting in systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations. Since the planning of the NEW PARK, residents frequently requested restroom(s) but the city did not deliver due to "lack of funds" or other unfortunate reasons including the COVID-19 pandemic. Many are unable to reach their own restroom in time or they decide to stay home due to the lack of access. To fulfill the residents' long-time demand, increase outdoor activities and promote healthy environments, the city must deliver permanent access to a restroom(s). It's a necessity of your constituents!

Thank you for supporting City **Parks** and Open Space such as in the **Paradise Creek** Educational Park.