



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Director
PREPARED BY: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Director
MEETING DATE: January 21, 2026
SUBJECT: Follow Up On Park's Restroom Discussion

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be asked to receive and file the report

BACKGROUND:

The Banning Park's system has public restrooms in four of its parks. These parks include Lion's Park, Repplier Park, Roosevelt Williams and Sylvan Parks. Banning's park restrooms have dealt with consistent issues of graffiti and vandalism that have impacted the availability for the public and the maintenance requirement for park's maintenance staff. These issues have caused us to close restrooms for certain period of times based on the severity of the issues and safety concerns including, homelessness, graffiti, vandalism etc. Repplier Park has been closed at this time due to the issues with homelessness during the colder months. The Police Department has been called numerous times as homeless have blocked entrance to the restrooms, creating a general nuisance situation and a safety issue for staff and park patrons.

Staff has inquired with neighboring cities as to if they were having similar issues and if they were modifying their restroom policies and processes. We have responses from some but not all of the Cities we inquired with. Attached with this item is a general tracking sheet with the agency responses.

Staff will discuss the comparable city responses and our policies moving forward.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The ongoing issues increase costs to deal with vandalism and graffiti. This also significantly impacts park patrons.

ALTERNATIVES:

None Provided