

**From:** [Janice Keller](#)  
**To:** [Osborne, Jenelle \(Mayor City of Lompoc\)](#); [Cordova, Gilda](#); [Vega, Victor](#); [Starbuck, Dirk](#); [Ball, Jeremy](#)  
**Cc:** [Haddon, Stacey](#); [Jeff Malawy](#)  
**Subject:** Protest to Ballot Measure to Discontinue the Use of the Ken Adam Park site as a Public Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:54:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [Scan\\_20240512 \(2\).pdf](#)  
[Scan\\_20240512 \(3\).pdf](#)

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To the Mayor and Lompoc City Council:

To quote a song by Joni Mitchell: "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got 'til it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot." (from Big Yellow Taxi, 1970).

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the hearing on May 21. However, through this letter, I am voicing my protest to placing the discontinuance of Ken Adam Park (KAP) on the ballot this November or anytime in the near future.

Parks are essential to a healthy community and, although KAP may not be heavily used, it is beautiful open space with mature oak trees, picnic tables and a recreation area. The description of the City website states: Ken Adam Park is a 42-acre park located in northern Lompoc and lies off of Highway 1 adjacent to the Lompoc campus of Allan Hancock College. This beautiful park lies at the heart of the Lompoc Valley between Vandenberg Village, Mission Hills, and the City of Lompoc. This park, which re-opened to the public in 2000, is going through a renovation process and features a large group picnic area, a children's playground, individual picnic areas, horseshoes, volleyball, and restroom facilities. It is a perfect setting for a family or company picnic!

A key consideration which can be gleaned this description (which may be a bit out of date) is the location. Only City residents will be allowed to vote on this ballot measure. However, the location of the park provides much needed open space for Lompoc's neighboring communities as well as City residents.

Although this ballot measure proposal isn't specifically about the Pale Blue Dot Ventures (PBD) project, that entity has said repeatedly at its presentations that it plans to keep part of Ken Adam Park as a park. So, why then is the City proposing to discontinue the designation. PBD will then have no reason to

maintain any of the now park as a park.

Furthermore, the only rush to put this matter on the ballot appears to come from PBD Ventures, a commercial enterprise, which has been negotiating with the City since 2019. There will be far more important issues on the November ballot including, at least at the time of my writing this letter, a school bond measure to repair and maintain our aging schools. If PBD Ventures is really about education, why would they want to place a potentially conflicting measure on the same ballot?

Finally, the Council often speaks of transparency. The published notice of the May 21 Protest Hearing (see attached) was a sham. It made me think that the Council really doesn't want public participation. The font size was miniscule, and the published version was blurry.

Respectfully,

Janice Keller

Former Lompoc Councilmember and Planning Commissioner

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(805) 291-9777

Council Member(s): Victor Vega, Jeremy Ball, Dirk Starbuck, and Gilda Cordova.  
 NOES: Council Member(s): None  
 ABSENT: Council Member(s): Mayor Jenelle Osborne

By James Caldera  
 LOUIS CALDERA  
 Secretary of the Army

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ATTEST: /s/  
 Gilda Cordova, Mayor Pro-Tempore  
 City of Lompoc

ATTEST: /s/  
 Stacy Haddon, City Clerk  
 City of Lompoc

Commonwealth of Virginia )  
 )  
 County of Arlington )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Arlington, whose commission as such expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of September 1994, do hereby certify that this day personally appeared before me in the said Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Arlington, Louis Caldera whose name is signed to the foregoing document dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1994, and acknowledged the same for and on behalf of the United States of America.

Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1994.

John Miller (SEAL)  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Attachments: Exhibit A: Site Legal Description and Map  
 Exhibit B: Correction to Quitclaim Deed, recorded June 8, 1999

EXHIBIT "A"  
Legal Description

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELONGS TO THE CITY OF LOMPOC, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Portions of Lots 17, 18 and 19 of Block 1000 and Parcel 1000 of the Subdivision of the Rancho Lompoc and Mission Vieja as shown on map filed in Book 1, Page 48 of Maps in the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a new steel stake iron pipe with electric cap marked L.S. 8450 at the Eastern terminus of course shown as "11 54' 25" 20" E. 302.75 feet" as shown on map filed in Book 1, Page 27 of Records of Records in the office of the County Recorder of said County;

Thence South 84 degrees 56 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 502.25 feet to a monument shown on said map;

Thence South 45 degrees 11 minutes 28 seconds West a distance of 9743.61 feet to a monument shown on said map; and the true point of beginning;

Thence South 55 degrees 48 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 9760.71 feet;

Thence North 78 degrees 20 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 1570.20 feet;

Thence North 97 degrees 52 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 1551.07 feet;

Thence North 88 degrees 11 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 251.48 feet to the Westerly line of Lompoc Calumate Road;

Thence South along the Westerly line of Lompoc Calumate Road the Westerly line of State Highway No. 1 to the following courses;

South 39 degrees 30 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 252.92 feet;

Thence South 27 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 128.72 feet;

Thence South 20 degrees 15 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 343.00 feet;

Thence South 09 degrees 46 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 159.83 feet;

Thence South 09 degrees 11 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 247.86 feet;

Thence South 01 degree 51 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 181.26 feet;

Thence South 27 degrees 25 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 586.84 feet;

Thence South 88 degrees 20 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 256.38 feet;

Thence South 64 degrees 54 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 326.35 feet;

Thence South 13 degrees 23 minutes 52 seconds West a distance of 321.25 feet;

Thence South 11 degrees 28 minutes 28 seconds West a distance of 350.72 feet;

Thence South 02 degrees 28 minutes 24 seconds West a distance of 295.00 feet to a monument as shown on said map;

Thence leaving said Westerly line of State Highway No. 1 North 82 degrees 08 minutes 41 seconds West a distance of 502.25 feet to a monument shown on said map;

Thence South 82 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 843.80 feet to a monument as shown on said map;

Thence North 50 degrees 42 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 1182.30 feet to a monument as shown on said map;

Thence North 50 degrees 25 minutes 07 seconds West a distance of 1980.30 feet to a monument as shown on said map;

Thence North a distance of 1250.00 feet to the true point of beginning;

EXCEPTING therefrom the interests of the mineral rights as reserved by the United States of America in Quitclaim Deeds recorded April 29, 1955 as Instrument No. 50,271(45), February 12, 1955 as Instrument No. 81-8158 and August 29, 1955 as Instrument No. 69-79502 of Official Records, records of said County;

EXCEPTING therefrom a portion of the Rancho Mission Vieja La Purisima, in the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the South-westerly corner of the parcel designated as "measured site" on map filed in Book 1, Page 11 of Records of Records, records of said County;

Thence South 05° 23' 31" East, 1443.40 feet along the Southwesterly line of said "measured site" parcel;

Thence leaving said Southwesterly line, North 45° 19' 49" East, 256.48 feet;

Thence South 07° 09' 09" East, 542.20 feet;

Thence North 30° 51' 10" East, 982.48 feet to an angle point on the Northerly line of said "measured site" parcel;

Thence North 70° 28' 11" West, 1642.20 feet along the Northerly line of said "measured site" parcel to an angle point;

Thence North 05° 42' 42" West, 1750.71 to the North-westerly corner of said "measured site" parcel;

Thence South 07° 02' 09" West, 1250.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 30.00 acres.

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CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the CORRECTION TO QUITCLAIM DEED DATED OCTOBER 23, 1994 (Document No. 1985-021446) dated March 22, 1999 from Secretary of the Army to the City of Lompoc, a California municipal corporation, is hereby accepted by the undersigned officer or agent on behalf of the City of Lompoc pursuant to authority conferred by Resolution No. 4026(95), of the City of Lompoc, adopted on February 21, 1995 and the grantee consents to recordation thereof by its duly authorized officer.

City Administrator  
 By Frank L. Priore  
 Frank L. Priore  
 Dated 5/17/99

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California  
 County of Santa Barbara

On May 25 1999 before me, James C. Green Notary Public  
 personally appeared F.L. Priore

personally known to me  OR  proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) appears subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

James C. Green  
 Notary Public

OPTIONAL

Though the data below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to persons relying on the instrument and could prevent fraudulent establishment of this fact.

CAPACITY CLAIMED BY SIGNER  
 INDIVIDUAL  
 CORPORATE OFFICER  
City Administrator

PARTNERSHIP  
 LIMITED  
 TRUSTEES  
 GUARANTEE/CO-SIGNER/TOR  
 OTHER

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT  
Certificate of Acceptance  
 TITLE OR TYPE OF DOCUMENT

NUMBER OF PAGES  
1

DATE OF DOCUMENT  
May 27 1999

SIGNER IS REPRESENTATIVE OF  
City of Lompoc  
 SIGNER OTHER THAN NAMED ABOVE

RESOLUTION NO. 8646(24)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, Declaring that the Public Interest or Convenience Requires the Discontinuance of the Use of Approximately 82 Acres of City-Owned Land (APN: 095-070-008), Including Ken Adam Park, as a Public Park; and Declaring the City Council's Intent to Call a Special Election to Submit the Question of Discontinuance to the City's Electors

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc (City) owns an approximately 82-acre parcel (APN: 095-070-008) generally located south of Hancock Drive and west of Highway 1 (the Site), which contains open space and recreational uses and the area operated as a public park named Ken Adam Park; and

WHEREAS, a legal description and parcel map of the Site are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City acquired the Site by quitclaim deed from the federal government in 1984, recorded April 26, 1985, in the records of Santa Barbara County as Document No. 1985-021446, which deed specified certain restrictions on usage of the Site. In 1999, pursuant to Section 2839 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law No. 105-85 (111 Stat. 1629), a Correction to Quitclaim Deed was recorded on June 8, 1999 (attached hereto as Exhibit B) amending the usage restrictions to read:

The exact acreage and legal description of any property conveyed shall be used by Grantee

- a) for educational and recreational purposes;
- b) for open space, or;
- c) for the purposes described in subparagraphs (a) and (b); and

WHEREAS, the City has considered use of the Site for other educational and recreational purposes, or open space purposes, or both, other than the uses that currently exist on the Site and other than a public park, and the City is open to, and wishes to facilitate, exploring such other uses for the Site in the future; and

WHEREAS, for example, in July 2019, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pale Blue Dot Ventures, Inc. (Pale Blue Dot) to undertake negotiations for a possible sale and development of the Site for a potential space-themed educational and recreational development; and

WHEREAS, no entitlement applications have been filed with the City for any such other uses, and the City has not solidified any plans for use of the site for other educational and recreational, or open space, purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to further facilitate exploration of use, development, and/or sale of the Site for other educational and recreational purposes, or other open space purposes, or both, including a possible sale to Pale Blue Dot for development of a space-themed educational and recreational development; and

WHEREAS, in order for any non-public-park uses to be established on the Site, the voters of the City must approve the discontinuance of the public park use at an election; and

WHEREAS, state law (Government Code section 38440 et seq) establishes a procedure, by which the City Council submits the question to the City's electors following notice and an opportunity for public protest and hearing; and

WHEREAS, voter approval of discontinuing the public park use of the Site does not require the City to cease operating the Site as a public park, or to approve or establish any other uses on the Site, or to sell or dispose of the Site, but rather allows for the possibility of non-public-park uses, such as the proposed Pale Blue Dot space-themed development, to be considered for the Site. Decisions whether to change the use of the Site, approve entitlements for any proposed use on the Site, to change the zoning of the Site, and/or to sell or dispose of the Site will remain solely within the discretion of the City Council even if the park use designation is removed from the Site.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals, and the attachments to this Resolution, are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

**SECTION 2. Declaration.** Based on the above recitals, the City Council hereby declares that the public interest or convenience requires the discontinuance of the use of the Site as a public park, and that the City Council intends to call a special election to submit the question of discontinuance to the City's electors.

**SECTION 3. Hearing.** The City Council shall hold a public hearing to hear and consider any protests from the public or persons particularly interested on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in the City Council Chamber at the Lompoc City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA 93436, at 6:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

**SECTION 4. Certification: Publication.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and cause a true and correct copy of the same to be published in the manner required by Section 38445 of the Government Code.

**SECTION 5. Posting.** The City Manager shall cause notice of the adoption of this Resolution to be posted in the manner required by Sections 38446 and 38447 of the Government Code.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member Vega, seconded by Council Member Ball, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on April 16, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member(s): Victor Vega, Jeremy Ball, Dirk Starbuck, and Gilda Cordova.  
 NOES: Council Member(s): None  
 ABSENT: Council Member(s): Mayor Jenelle Osborne

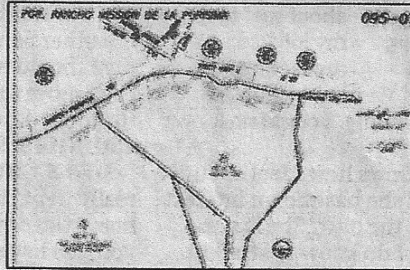


Exhibit "B"

Correction to Quitclaim Deed

Recording Requested By & Whose Recorded Return is:

Margaret Spaulding, City Clerk  
 CITY OF LOMPOC  
 P.O. Box 8001  
 100 Civic Center Plaza  
 Lompoc, California 93438-8001

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Recorded	Total	.00
Official Records		
Co Santa Barbara		
Records & Facilities		
Recorder		
Lacey Herrera		
Assistant		
2:15pm 6-Jun-99	PUBL	CC

No Fee per Gov. Code §6103

CORRECTION  
 TO QUITCLAIM DEED DATED October 23, 1984  
 (DOCUMENT NO. 1985-021446)

This instrument, made this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1998, by and between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Grantor, acting by and through the Secretary of the Army, under and pursuant to Section 2839 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law No. 105-85 (111 Stat. 1629), and the City of Lompoc, a California Municipal Corporation, Grantee,

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, by Quitclaim Deed, dated October 23, 1984, recorded April 26, 1985, in the records of Santa Barbara County as Document No. 1985-021446, Grantor quitclaimed a 145.98 acre parcel located near the United States Disciplinary Institute, Lompoc, California, to the City of Lompoc, pursuant to Section 2839 of the Military Construction Authorization Act of 1985, Public Law, 98-467, which deed specified certain restrictions on usage, in part, as follows:

SUBJECT HOWEVER, to the following exceptions, reservations, restrictions, covenants, and conditions:

2. The real property hereby conveyed shall be used by Grantee
  - (a) for the Lompoc, California, Western Spaceport Museum and Science Center as a permanent site for a space science museum;
  - (b) for educational and recreational purposes related to the purpose;
  - (c) for the purposes described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 2839 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law 105-85 (111 Stat. 1629), the above referenced usage clause of Quitclaim Deed executed April 26, 1985, is hereby corrected to read:

1. The exact acreage and legal description of any property conveyed shall be used by Grantee:

- (a) for educational and recreational purposes;
- (b) for open space, or;
- (c) for the purposes described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

In all other respects Quitclaim Deed dated October 23, 1984 and recorded April 26, 1985, in Santa Barbara County as document Number 1985-021446 remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused these presents to be executed on the day and year first above written.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By: *Juanita Caldera*  
 LOUIS CALDERA  
 Secretary of the Army

ACKNOWLEDGMENT