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December 1, 2008

Dear Elected Officials,

This letter is to advise you that the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008 (Statewide Park Program) is a new grant program that will award \$368,000,000 on a competitive basis to critically underserved communities across California for the creation of new parks and facilities. The program gives priority to the creation of new parks in neighborhoods where none currently exist.

Assembly Bill 31 (De Leon) Chapter 623, Statutes of 2008, which creates the Statewide Park Program, was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 30, 2008. The enabling legislation for the Statewide Park Program will be set forth in Public Resources Code §§ 5640 through 5653.

The following information summarizes the next steps for the Statewide Park Program.

**Public Hearings and Comment Period for Draft Guidelines:**

The draft guidelines are available on our website at [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants).

**Public Hearings:**

The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) is pleased to announce that nine public hearings will be held throughout California in December 2008. The public is invited to attend the hearings to provide comments that will assist OGALS in developing user-friendly guidelines that effectively meet the program's legislative intent.

- There is no cost to attend the public hearings and RSVPs are not required.
- Dates and locations are attached.

**Comment Period:**

The Public Comment Period begins on December 1, 2008, and ends on January 16, 2009. OGALS must receive all comments by January 16, 2009. Interested parties may send OGALS comments on the draft guidelines by letter, email, or fax.

Send mail to:

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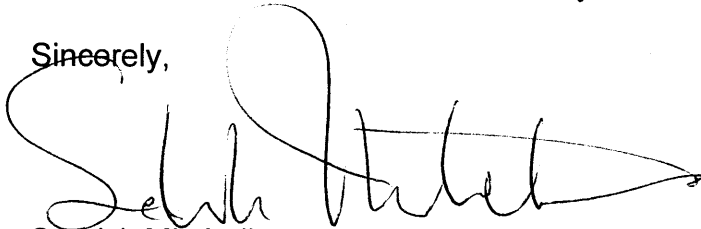
**Final Application Guide and Technical Assistance Workshops:**

At the conclusion of the Public Comment Period, OGALS will publish the final guidelines and then hold technical assistance workshops throughout the state. These workshops will answer questions about grant application and administrative requirements.

Applications will be due approximately six months after OGALS publishes the final Application Guide. Updates about the Statewide Park Program will be available at [www.parks.ca.gov/grants](http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants).

We look forward to working with you on this exciting program that will create new parks and recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities throughout California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sedrick Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the top and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a sharp point.

Sedrick Mitchell  
Deputy Director, External Affairs

cc: Patti Keating, Chief, Office of Grants and Local Services

## STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS AND DATES

<p><b>Sacramento Area</b>  Orangevale Community Center  6826 Hazel Ave  Orangevale, CA 95662  December 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30</p>	<p><b>Bakersfield Area</b>  South Bakersfield Veterans Hall  Room 1 &amp; 2  1905 Wilson Road  Bakersfield, CA 93304  December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30</p>
<p><b>Northern California Area</b>  Redding City Hall  Civic Center Community Room  777 Cypress Ave  Redding, CA 96001  December 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30</p>	<p><b>Los Angeles Area</b>  Grace Simons Lodge  1025 Elysian Park Drive  Los Angeles, CA 90012  December 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30</p>
<p><b>Bay Area</b>  Sailboat House at Lakeside Park  568 Bellevue Ave  Oakland, CA 94610  December 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30</p>	<p><b>Inland Empire Area</b>  Victoria Gardens Cultural Center  12505 Cultural Center Dr,  Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739  December 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30</p>
<p><b>Central Coast Area</b>  Salinas Sports Complex  Grand Ballroom  1034 N. Main St  Salinas, CA 93906  December 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30</p>	<p><b>San Diego Area</b>  La Colonia Community Center  715 Valley Ave  Solana Beach, CA 92075  December 12<sup>th</sup> 12:30-3:30</p>
<p><b>Central Valley Area</b>  Fresno Convention and Entertainment  Center Exhibit Hall, Rooms 2009-2012  848 M Street  Fresno, CA 93721  December 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30</p>	