

RESOLUTION NO. 218461

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNCIL POLICY  
NO. 700-34 REGARDING GUIDELINES AND  
SELECTION CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE  
PRIORITY, LOCATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
VEST POCKET PARKS IN PARK SERVICE DISTRICTS

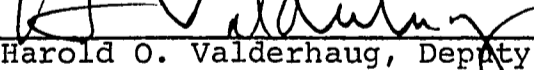
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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego,  
as follows:

That Council Policy No. 700-34 regarding guidelines and  
selection criteria for determining the priority, location, and  
development of Vest Pocket Parks in Park Service Districts, be,  
and is hereby established as set forth in the form of Council  
Policy filed in the office of the City Clerk as Document  
No. 759455.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby  
instructed to add the aforesaid to the Council Policy Manual.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By   
Harold O. Valderhaug, Deputy

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## DRAFT POLICY

## VEST POCKET PARK DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND

Under General Plan standards, the City of San Diego strives to meet the recreation needs of its citizens by providing each populated Park Service District with a minimum of a neighborhood-type park. The desired park site under these standards traditionally serves a resident population of 3,500 to 5,000 persons and is five acres when located adjacent to an elementary school and ten acres when located separately. In certain high density areas of the City, available land for parks is extremely limited, and the standard neighborhood park cannot readily be provided. Neighborhood and community parks should have first priority in park development. However, in certain areas where it is not possible to provide such parks it may be possible to partially satisfy recreation needs by providing a less than standard size and type park, or series of less than standard size and type parks. These less than standard size parks are known as Vest Pocket Parks and are not intended to substitute for General Plan park standards.

GENERAL

Since the purpose of developing Vest Pocket Parks is to supplement an already deficient Park Service District with a less than standard size and type of park, every effort should be made to insure citizens awareness and meet community needs in development of the park. The park's design should be flexible and reflect the character, interests and nature of the neighborhood. Special consideration should be given to the special needs of the very young and very old. The park's design should provide for a variety of uses and should allow for modification at a later date to reflect changing community needs.

Primary consideration should be given to developing a three acre or larger Vest Pocket Park adjacent to an existing school. Secondary consideration should be given to development of a three acre or larger site separate from a school. Tertiary consideration should be given to Vest Pocket Parks of less than three acres.

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines and selection criteria for determining the priority, location and development of Vest Pocket Parks in Park Service Districts which do not substantially meet General Plan Standards.

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POLICY

It is the policy of the City Council to meet the recreation needs of the Citizens of San Diego. The primary effort of the City shall be development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks in accord with General Plan Standards. In those Park Service Districts where a minimum General Plan Standard population exists but it is not feasible to strictly meet General Plan Park Standards and adjacent regional park resources do not adequately supplement the deficiency, Vest Pocket Parks may be developed in accord with the following guidelines and criteria:

I. PRIORITY

All Park Service Districts shall be evaluated in terms of existing population, total developed park acres, proposed six-year C.I.P. development, availability of developable park land, and adequacy of services from adjacent regional parks. Those Park Service Districts with a minimum General Plan Standard population, with less than five developed acres of park land, and with insufficient developable park land which are not adequately served by adjacent regional parks shall be given primary consideration for Vest Pocket Park development.

Priority of Vest Pocket Park development in one Park Service District over another shall be based upon a total points ranking. Highest total points ranks first. See attached example.

A. <u>DENSITY OF RESIDENTIAL POPULATION</u> <u>PER NET RESIDENTIAL ACRE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM 10 POINTS</u>
50+ persons	10 points
40 - 49 persons	5 points
30 - 39 persons	2 points
B. <u>INCOME OF POPULATION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM 10 POINTS</u>
50%+ below City median	10 points
40 - 50% below City median	6 points
C. <u>MOBILITY/AGE OF POPULATION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM 20 POINTS</u>
50%+ under 14 years or over 55 yrs.	20 points
40 - 49% under 14 yrs. or over 55 yrs.	10 points
30 - 39% under 14 yrs. or over 55 yrs.	4 points

D. ADEQUACY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

MAXIMUM 10 POINTS

No existing	10 points
Less than 50% GPS met	5 points
More than 50% GPS met or Regional Facility within 1½ miles of P.S.D. center	2 points

II. LOCATION

Vest Pocket Parks within a deficient Park Service District shall be, whenever practical, centrally located, away from major traffic arteries, and serve a resident population of 800 to 1,500 persons within an effective walking distance of ¼ mile. Special consideration shall be given to preventing potential noise and disturbance problems which place an intolerable burden on abutting and adjacent property owners. Special consideration may be given to the interests of the very young and the very old in selecting passive sites. General site location shall be based upon the following preference list:

- A. Adjacent to a public school - First preference
- B. At a site of three developable acres or more
- C. At a less than three developable acre site

III. DEVELOPMENT

Design, development, and construction of Vest Pocket Parks shall be done in the most economical and efficient manner in keeping with the City Charter.

Since the design of any park is one of the crucial elements in its success or failure, the services of professional consultants shall be used to design Vest Pocket Parks when financially feasible. The consultant shall work closely with City staff in the preparation of development plans and standard drawings for the Vest Pocket Parks, wherever practicable. Depending upon the time and resources available, City staff shall accomplish necessary additional engineering and planning.

Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on  
by the following vote:

**MAY 25 1977**

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Excused	Absent
Gil Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Kathleen Martinez*, Deputy.

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