

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition consists of the 96 Neighborhood Council representing four million stakeholders.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition moves to oppose the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) takeover of the management of the Greek Theater to operate it as an Open Venue, and further moves to extend the contract of the current operator until this issue is thoroughly vetted.

RAP does not have the expertise to operate a first-class concert venue. RAP does not have the funding to start up the operation of the venue. RAP has not reached out to the community for input. The City Council rejected the recommendation from the RAP commission to award the contract to operate the Greek Theater to Live Nation because community input was not given enough weight in the scoring of the proposal.

The Greek Theater has been a money-making concession for the City for thirty-nine years under the management of a highly qualified and community-supported private operator, and the current operation is without risk to the City due to that structure. RAP is currently underfunded and understaffed and does not have the resources or experience necessary to operate this landmark venue. It would be irresponsible and reckless for RAP to risk taxpayer dollars on this ill-conceived venture.

Other concerns:

If the Greek Theater became an Open Venue under the management of RAP, who would be the General Manager and control the operations? What is the business plan for this new City owned business? How many new City employees will need to be hired? If the Greek loses money, how will the deficit be funded? Who will be responsible for traffic, crowd control and security during concerts? Who will be responsible for patrolling the neighborhood during concerts? Will RAP continue agreements with Unions? Who will be responsible for deciding who gets to book a date at the Greek Theater?

This issue has many more questions that need to be answered and the community must have input before any recommendation or vote is put forward by any city agency.

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