



## Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

*Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains*

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**To: Mitchell Englander**, Councilmember, Los Angeles City Council District 12 (by email & post)

**Subject: Support for Construction of Pedestrian Pathway into Chatsworth Park South**

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is greatly pleased by the recent re-opening of Chatsworth Park South. The beautifully rehabilitated park is a precious asset for citizens of the West Valley.

However, Councilmember Englander, SSMPA respectfully **requests your attention** to the pressing need for a **safe pedestrian** walkway into the park.

Many users of the park, especially children and parents with children, enter the park by walking rather than by automobile. These pedestrians must share the narrow roadway with vehicle traffic, creating an unacceptable **safety risk**.

This dangerous situation calls for, **as soon as possible**, construction of a pedestrian pathway from the end of Devonshire Street to the Recreation Center and playground areas. The path should follow a fairly direct route and should be suitable for use by all pedestrians, including parents pushing baby and child strollers. Such a pathway will enhance the usability of the park, improve the visitor experience, and, most critically, reduce the present endangerment of pedestrians.

The SSMPA Board of Directors **fully supports** your efforts to work with the Department of Recreation and Parks to complete the construction of a pedestrian pathway as soon as possible. If there is any way that SSMPA members or volunteers can help to move this project forward, we are ready.

Sincerely,

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About **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:**

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 45 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

**SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and regional open space.**

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