



Comfort Station in Old Trolley Barn Park

University Heights Community Survey Results February 15-April 15, 2022



I. Methodology

This online survey was developed by UHCA and deployed via Google Forms from February 15-April 15 2022.

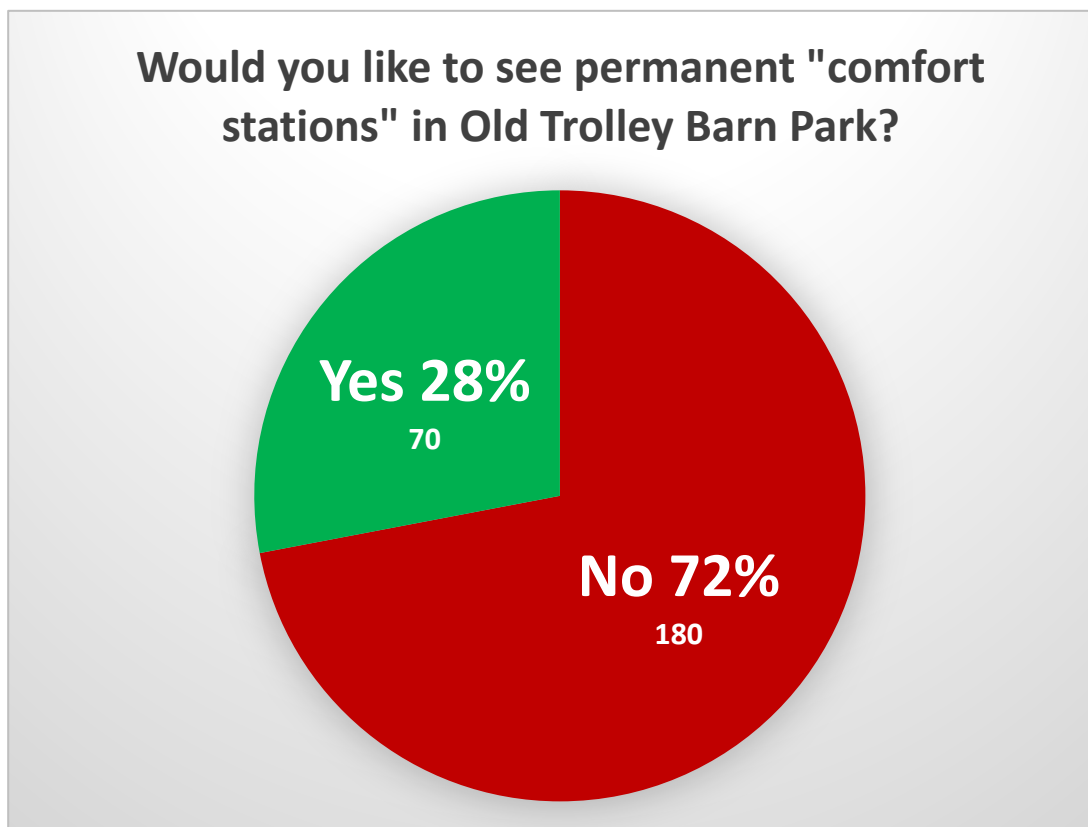
The survey was publicized via www.uhsd.org, UHCA Facebook page, UHCA Instagram account, University Heights San Diego Facebook page, and Nextdoor (University Heights + surrounding neighborhoods). It was also publicized in the February, March, and April editions of UHCA News, and paper copies were included in the April edition and at in-person events.

II. Summary

An overwhelming majority, 72%, of the 250 responses were against adding a comfort station.

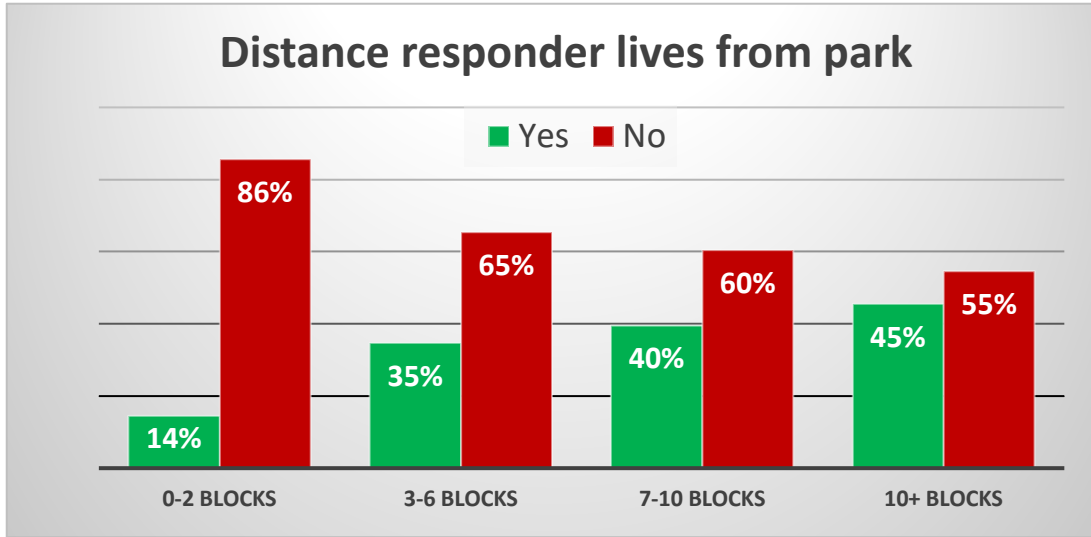
UHCA believes this is representative of the overall community.

III. Survey Results

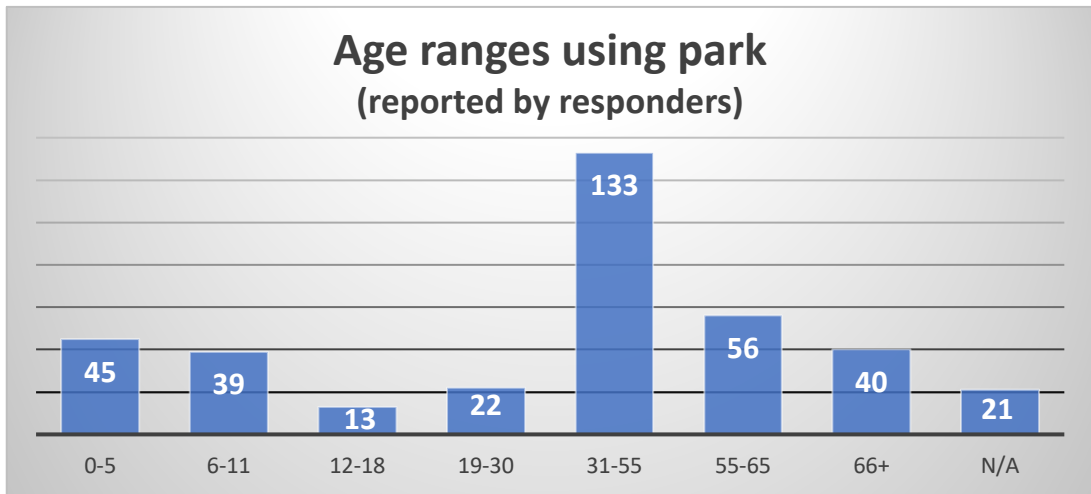


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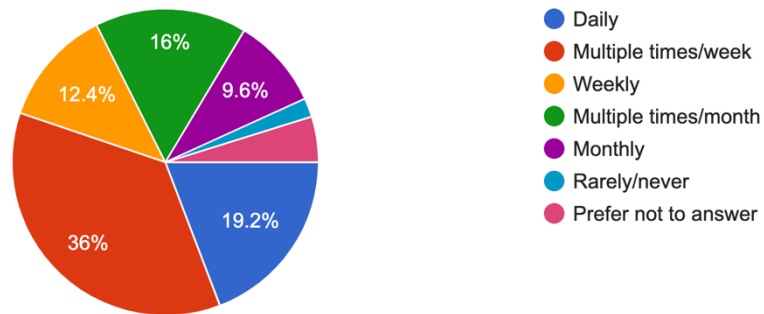


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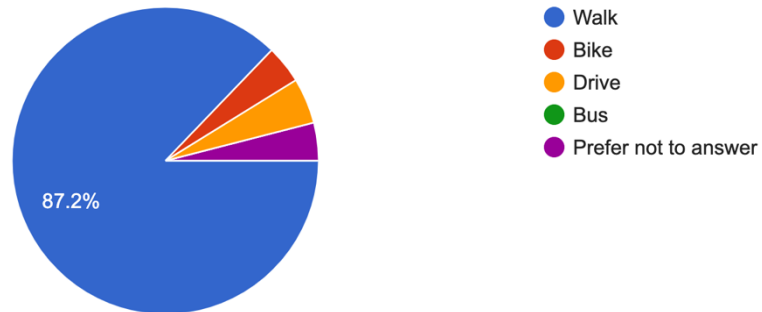


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How often do you visit Old Trolley Barn Park
250 responses

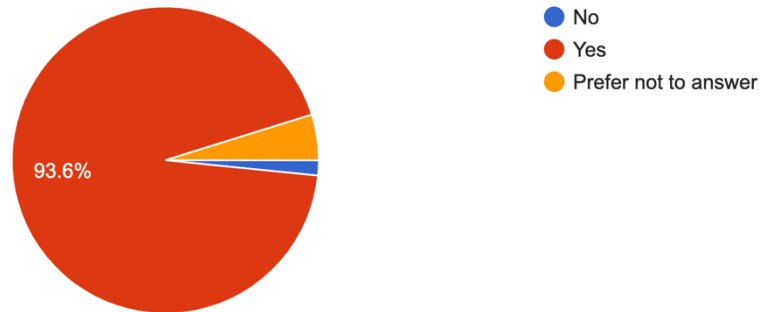


How do you get to Old Trolley Barn Park
250 responses



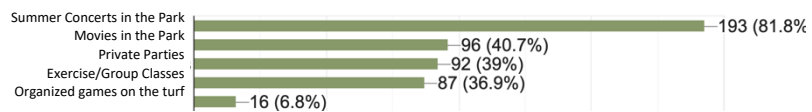
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Do you feel safe when at Old Trolley Barn Park?
250 responses



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7. What events do you come to Old Trolley Barn Park for?
236 responses



(top 5 responses)

Unedited responses

If you answered "YES" [that you support comfort stations be added], we'd like to get some additional feedback. Why are you in support of this idea? Where would you prefer to see it located? Do you have any preference regarding hours of operation?

- It is difficult to spend a significant amount of time at the park without a restroom. I used to work out with my personal trainer at this park but finding ourselves unable to use the restroom for 2 hours was a challenge. Try having a picnic? What are we supposed to do? I am a U Heights resident, but live near the Vermont St. Bridge. My walk to and from the park is about 20-25 minutes. If I were to walk to the park, then have to walk back home to use the restroom, then walk back to the park, that's over an hour's time. It makes no sense to not have restrooms here, and the people who live near the park who are opposed should think of those who live in the neighborhood but don't live so close.
- We need more publicly available restrooms all around the city (see Voice of San Diego coverage on this issue), and our neighborhood needs to do its part. Should be open 24/7.
- If my son has to use the restroom we have to go run and search for a place or leave. My pregnant mama friends also have no place to go. We love this park and would go more often if there were restrooms. There is such a large community of regulars at the park, I don't foresee it being taken over by transients.
- So the kids and parents have a restroom to use while at the park. Sometimes my family is there for several hours. Perhaps a collection can be made for its maintenance or it can require payment for use.
- Closer to the road. Every trip to the park has to be planned to take an hour to walk home to pee. Poor people are people too.
- I am a parent to a 7th grader and 4 year old. We have lived in UH for 7 years. The lack of restroom availability in OTBP has negatively affected our enjoyment of this wonderful amenity for the entirety of that time. From large scale community events to a lovely weekend afternoon, it is an incredible hardship for people of all ages to not have access to a restroom, and often factors in to our decision to even go. If you've ever had to drag a panicking toddler several blocks to a bar (closest restroom in walking distance) just so they can go potty, or had to cut a playdate short, or avoided the park altogether for these reasons, then you know my pain. The lack of restrooms is also an equity issue as seniors, youth and adults with special needs, and others whose life circumstances dictate the necessity of restroom access, are unable to access the park safely and comfortably. Finally, let's address the elephant in the room: the anti-restroom crowd in the neighborhood should just acknowledge their bigotry towards the unhoused as the reason for their resistance to restroom access. It's discriminatory not in alignment with the majority of progressive beliefs in this unique and diverse neighborhood.
- "I have a medical condition that requires me to have easy access to restrooms. In the past, this has interfered with my ability to enjoy the concerts in the park and other events (though I'm happy when there have been port-o-potties). When friends suggest that we go the park for a fun afternoon, I often instead suggest Morley Field, specifically because it has restrooms. This breaks my heart since Trolley Barn Park is in walking distance of my house and because it's superior in every other way. If I do spend time at Trolley Barn, I usually have to go to a nearby business, buy something I don't want/need out of guilt, then use their restroom. Because most of the nearby business are restaurants or bars, this only complicates this exchange because they don't really sell quick, grab-n-go items. Plus, if I'm at the park in the evening, casual coffee places have closed, so I just have to end my time at the park early and walk quickly home. Ever since this conversation began in 2019, I have been so excited at the prospect of a bathroom at my favorite park for these reasons.

- It seems a lot of the rhetoric around not installing a bathroom at Trolley Barn is anti-homeless and that's very shameful. I'm embarrassed that my neighborhood is terrified to give all people access to the human right of a safe, clean place to take care of a necessary bodily function. This elitist, privileged mindset only strengthens the stigma around houseless individuals who need our support now more than ever."
- It would be so helpful to have a restroom there when I bring my daughter there to play. There are no public restrooms nearby unfortunately so if I need to change my baby's diaper or if I need to go to the restroom we have to walk home.
- They should be open during the day, 7 days a week, and closed at night at dark. They should be built as individual stalls with a common hand washing area as they are at Silver Strand Beach. As a grandparent who brings grandchildren to the park, bathrooms are a necessity.
- Having little kids it's all about the logistics.
- Public restrooms are the important to have in public parks, for those enjoying the park and those with no where else to safely use the bathroom.
- I use the park frequently all year round and it is inconvenient to have to walk half a mile home to use the restroom, and cuts my park time short. I think public restrooms are good for everyone in the community. I think sunrise to sunset is reasonable operating hours.
- We bring our children to the park and are often disappointed to have to leave early due to them needing the restroom. Wouldn't mind if they were open daylight hours.
- I go to this park so often but I always wished there's a restroom so I can stay longer, my house is 15min walking distance so it'd be convenient to have restroom there. Plus there's a lot of kids that goes there daily and kids can't hold it for so long as adults. I think every park should have restroom. The hours preference is from 7am to 7pm if not 24hrs.
- I believe the restrooms are necessary so that children can enjoy the part comfortably. I think the restroom should have designated hours of operation excluding after dark. I also think it might be a good idea to require an amount of money in order to enter the restroom, similar to what I've seen at the San Diego international airport.
- If you go to a park for a few hours you'll need to use the bathroom. Let's not let the homeless problem keep us from enjoying our neighborhood. We need resources anyway to keep the park nice. We can have nice things.
- "We've made active decisions NOT to come to this park (and to instead go to Balboa) because there are no bathrooms here. I'd love to spend time picnicking and enjoying our neighborhood park, but the lack of facilities makes it less attractive and inviting.
I also feel that the desire to NOT have them is an anti-houseless sentiment and, honestly, the houseless will be in our community regardless, and if they have no public facilities to use, they can (and do) relieve themselves on the sidewalks and sides of buildings, which is its own issue of safety and public health.
The park operating hours and the bathroom hours should coincide, maybe with the bathrooms closing at sunset. I have no opinion on location."
- Public restrooms should be a no-brainer. People need them, and not only the homeless. I'm also ambivalent about a restroom at TBP because they likely will get trashed and become unsafe.
- Added convenience to residents of the neighborhood. Location preference close to road/sidewalk, not 'tucked away in the back somewhere" - should have good visibility. Prefer it being closed in the evening hours after 9:00 - 10:00 pm at the latest.

- I walk a lot and there are very few places to using restrooms in our surrounding neighborhoods that aren't private businesses. I know they will be vandalized and it costs money to maintain them but we shouldn't let a few people ruin it for the rest of us. Also, I am concerned about homeless people using them but there should be facilities for homeless people to use. It is the kind thing to do and would reduce public urination and defecation.
- Hours of operation should be daylight hours.
- I sometimes need to pee when I visit the park. Also I see human turds from the homeless folks living in the park, and I fear hepatitis. I don't care where the bathroom is located
- Would love to be able to stay longer at park instead of running home with kids to use the bathroom. Maybe sunup to sundown for hours, longer on concert/movie nights.
- Yes. I would like to be able to spend more extended time/hours at the park, especially with kids who can't wait the 9 blocks to go to the bathroom to walk back to our house.
- Restrooms are a basic human need that should be available at all city parks. Visitors to the park shouldn't have to go home or bother a local business to use their restroom.
- If they were monitored on a regular basis it would help. At the very least can't they put two portable restrooms and have regular maintenance? People need a place to go not on our public streets which is happening now.
- I try to run and jog around neighborhood. However, I have a health condition that induces frequent bathroom breaks while running/jogging. I prefer to do outside activities in the neighborhood, but I seldom do it because of the lack of restrooms in nearby parks. If I know bathrooms are at the park, I can exercise more outside, and near the park. It'll be a great benefit to my health overall.
- "Having used the park for nearly 25 years I have noticed parents having to direct their children to bushes at the west end of the park to relieve themselves. Over all it seems strange that such a normal request for a Station deserves so much scrutiny. Kensington Park has Comfort stations as well as Balboa Park why not Trolley Barn Park??? The argument that a Station would negatively affect house prices is specious and borderline racist. Countless times I have been asked by park goers why there are no restrooms. Most Parks across the country have toilets, it seems obvious that Trolley Barn should not be the exception.
- I walk daily in the area and sometimes need a restroom. And homeless people and everyone need a restroom. I'm tired of the argument that homeless people will use it, they should also have access.
- I go to the park all the time and it makes it tough to spend a few hours there if there is nowhere to pee. Even a porta potty would be helpful. Especially when you have kids with you. I would want to have picnics on the weekend but have to walk all the way home every time we have to go. Huge bummer. I think location in the back of the park NW corner makes the most sense. If people are worried about safety, have hours of operation 9-5 or something
- I have children whose bathroom needs preclude long visits to the park. We live too far away (about 7 blocks) for a quick walk home in the middle of a park visit. I am also hesitant to host birthday parties at Trolley Barn due to other families' bathroom needs. If Pioneer Park can have a bathroom, why can't we?
- I want a publicly accessible place for my children to use the bathroom while at the park.
- I'm there with my kiddo all the time and it would be make picnics and play dates easier.
- 6 am - 9:30 pm

- I walk three miles twice a day to this park and would appreciate being able to wash my hands and use a restroom without having to hope I make it back home. Also lots of people eat and drink at picnic tables which double as diaper changes (unsatisfactory). Located in a central area, similar to Pioneer Park in Mission Hills. Open daily 9 to 5 pm would be great.
- Better for families, especially those with kids to have a restroom
- They should be near the street and have good lighting so people feel safe using them.
- "Yes because it's very challenging to spend longer amounts of time than 1-2 hours (a picnic, a birthday party) without facilities. Currently not having a bathroom presents challenges for individuals and families. One must walk to a local business and request to use their facilities. This isn't always easy with a small child, or if you came to enjoy the park alone and don't want to repack all of your belongings for a quick restroom break. If restrooms could close around sundown then it could deter the use for illegal or unsafe practices in them. We certainly don't want to create opportunities for vandalism or drug use in the neighborhood, but the cost is that we can't fully enjoy our beloved park. I sometimes choose another park to spend time in simply because I want to have a picnic and know that I won't be able to use a bathroom if I visit Trolley Barn. "<<email redacted>>
- Families need to use restrooms! As do homeless--the alternative is going outdoors
- It's a big public park and people come/walk from a good distance to enjoy the events there and relax in the great outdoors. It would be really nice to have the convenience there especially when there's plenty of space for it. Hours: sunrise to sunset?
- Convenience
- Take a look at the park and see who is using it. KIDS! Kids and parents NEED restrooms. Kids overwhelmingly use the park and THEY should be the ones surveyed. A restroom near the kids playground or in the open field that is well lit should deter the negative issues of a bathroom. Others may complain but I doubt they use the park more than kids. Parents struggle and are unable to hold community functions without a restroom. Our community should be considerate to families and not be selfish homeowners who have a bathroom nearby.
- If toilets go in I would like them locked by 7 pm at night. I would suggest no overhangs so homeless don't sleep in the doorways.
- I think the lack of a comfort station keeps people with medical concerns from enjoying the park. Hours of operation should be increased during summer months, decreased during winter months.
- Towards the back near the colored tables behind the playground. Open dawn to dusk. Open later during events
- I can't understand why we have free concerts and community activities at the park without a public restroom and hand wash station. I also regularly walk several miles for exercise in my neighborhood and the only public restroom is at the park on Adams near Kensington before the 15 overpass. During COVID, the business hours have been very limited and there's not many options to find any restroom. I like the model at Torrey Pines park which has the locked stalls and the sinks are outside. If you just need to wash your hands you don't need to enter a stall and less potential abuse by those who would use the area to wash up. I believe the best location would be away from the dark corner as safety issue. Would prefer hours from 7 am-8pm.
- I would support if they were designed for security and maintenance, as many European cities do. There are ways to automate (yes, automate) basic cleaning and require a small payment for use that could be used for non-event days, then they could be open for free on event days. Basically they would have to be designed for security and hygiene. If it goes ahead, it should also be designed as public art so people are more likely to take care of it.

- This is a very frequented park by many members of the community (children, young adults having picnics, fitness meet ups, etc) and it only makes sense to have restrooms so people can enjoy the park without feeling like they have to cut their time short to leave home to go to the restroom or solicit local businesses just to be turned down. I myself have had multiple meet ups in this park and I have underlying health conditions that make it so sometimes I have much more frequent/higher needs for a restroom more than others and it is both inconvenient and embarrassing to have to leave entirely or have to take a 20 min walk home & back round trip because I have to go. It can easily go near the back corner of the park near the chess tables or the electric box.
- There are not enough public restrooms in San Diego. I don't want to go into a business which probably doesn't want non costumers in there. Probably just a small one wouldn't want it to take up space.
- There are almost no public restrooms for walkers in University Heights. Many businesses allow restroom use for customers only.
- For me, answering 'yes' is not even in question. Having restrooms at the park would not only be extremely convenient for the hundreds of neighbors who use the park on a weekly basis, but fears about the supposed dangers of having them are completely overblown. Yes, public restrooms (even when attended to on a regular basis) are often considered "gross," but in my experience, that is rarely a deterrent when someone desperately needs to use the restroom; the plumbing is still there, and even a gross bathroom is better than no bathroom. The convenience simply outweighs the negatives. I have also seen consistently reported in the UH neighborhood Facebook group and Nextdoor neighbors reporting finding human feces in the alley or on someone's lawn. No one takes a s*** in the alley if they don't absolutely have to, and having more public restrooms around would help alleviate that problem.
- Fair access and use of a community park require a comfort station. It should be located in an easily accessed location in Trolley Barn Park that also minimizes disturbance to nearby residences. Keeping it unlocked from sunrise to sunset would provide accessibility when the park is used most and likely prevent misuse.
- It would make the park more conducive to longer times spent in the park without having to go home or use local businesses for a restroom.
- Makes the park friendlier to neighbors from further away areas of town. Encourages a longer stay at the park, and more engagement with the space (rather than it just being a stop or a privilege for very nearby neighbors). No preference for location. Hours of operation could follow the regular SD parks and rec hours.
- The public, including our homeless neighbors, need free places to use the restroom. The park is a perfect place for that given that it is a public gathering area.
- Parents with children need a place where the kids can pee! No preference on location, just put it there.
- Too much of the neighborhood is too far away to walk back for things like kids birthday parties/meetups. Especially in the pandemic era when outdoor activities are safest, having an outdoor community location with support for this basic human function is essential.
- Children live here and go to the playground and need a place to use the restroom.
- It's the only thing missing from this great park.
- We have a great park with lovely facilities. It would be so helpful and gracious of us to allow for park visitors to have a safe and clean restroom.
- It is difficult to have kids bday party's and events at the park without bathrooms.

- We have picnics, bdays, and other parties. Convenient for guests and residents to not have to walk home. Behind the playground where the two picnic tables are or over near entrance by swing set or dirt spot toward cheers bar. As far as hours. 7-8am to maybe 30-hr after sunset.
- People need to go to the bathroom. Children, adults. Houseless folks deserve the dignity of a restroom.
- Have you ever been at the park with small children, when they suddenly have to go and the nearest bathroom is a 5-10 minute walk away? There's a playground for small children, there needs to be bathrooms nearby. I don't care where it is. The park is pretty empty after sundown so closing it at night would be fine in my opinion.
- "Very important to community. Have heard many people mention this in person and in online reviews. I live a 5-min walk away and am still annoyed when I'm spending an afternoon sunbathing or reading in the park and need to use a bathroom.
Perhaps it could be somewhere between the swings and the playground. 24 hours would of course be ideal, but 12-7pm is when I feel I see the most people in the park. Hoping this moves forward!!"
- I'd like to have restrooms at Trolley Barn for convenience. While we can walk home or to a local business to use the restrooms, it interrupts play time. Ideally, the restrooms would be open for use during daytime hours and locked overnight.

If you answered "NO" [that you do not support comfort stations be added], we'd like to get some additional feedback. Why are you opposed to the idea? Are there alternatives you'd like to see explored?

- 1. The cost is huge, both to build and to maintain; 2. The park is a neighborhood park, too small to accommodate; 3. Other restrooms are in horrible shape, I don't believe the city can or will maintain well; 4. There is a cafe opening across the street soon, can't the \$ be utilized in a public/private partnership in a better way?; 5. The canyons are already being used for homeless encampments, this will not help and the funds could be put to use in a better way to help that problem
- No room for it, concerned about safety
- All the community groups in University Heights have consistently opposed construction of a comfort station in Trolley Barn Park over the past several years. The money could be much better spent on other community priorities which have gone unfunded for years. Further, the park was originally conceived as a "neighborhood" park, specifically without a bathroom. It is hardly fair to the owners adjacent to the park to now build a bathroom there. The City does not have a good track record of securing and maintaining its public restrooms so a comfort station in Trolley Barn Park may benefit a few while creating a public health and security risk for most.
- From the get-go the police were not in favor of restrooms because of the transient problems and lack of on going security issues with kids using the park without adult supervision. Times haven't changed and maintenance issues are a continuing problem. Each time a restroom was brought up, the community shut it down.
- not needed in a neighborhood park. Will not be kept up. Will be an attractive nuisance. Encourage restaurants nearby to allow use of their bathroom.
- Restrooms attract criminal and other bad behavior, residents living around the park are opposed to restrooms, and the design for this park deliberately omitted Restrooms on police advice..

- Threat to community health and wellness
- Invitation for long term vagrancy
- Filth and spread of Hepatitis!! In Europe they have these self sanitizing individual pods which you put a token in. We can buy tokens and the homeless can be given tokens
- Hepatitis from homeless feces
- This is a small neighborhood park and my experience says restrooms are not needed nor are the a high priority. Concerns of vandalism, graffiti and the potential of transient populations seem to me to outweigh the benefits. Most users are hyper local residents. The expense of study and construction of the restroom seem to be beyond the needs of the community.
- Restrooms will attract transients which will affect the whole community. Not only would the park feel less safe and cleanly, but all of UH would feel this way as well. I am more comfortable driving/walking back to my residence to use the restroom if needed.
- More homeless will be attracted to park
- I would be fearful that it would attract more homeless to the park and area
- I'm opposed because it will attract transients to the park and it will be overrun and our neighborhood would not be able to use it.
- The city can not maintain the infrastructure we have now. No need to take on something we really do not need.
- Cost, maintenance, drug dealing, homeless, filth. I have lived in the neighborhood for 30 years and have yet to meet anybody who knows the facts of cost, unintended consequences, and maintenance challenges who is in favor. This has been discussed many times at the park planning stage and after always resulting in overwhelming opinions against adding public restroom.
- Will become a meeting/hiding place for undesirables that don't live in the neighborhood
- Unfortunately they seem to attract issues. At one point it seemed like an arrangement had been made with the business-to-come across Adams from the Park for people to use their restrooms in an arrangement with the city but that business has never materialized. When/if it does, that might be the best option.
- my main concerns with trolley barn having a restroom are that park restrooms often don't get maintained and that they make living at the park easier
- I am a no because the bathrooms in balboa park are virtually unusable and I would not want to see a bathroom put in and then not be able to use it in a year. If there was assurances that we could report cleanliness issues to the city on the Getitdone app I would be more willing to explore the idea of putting one in.
- Homeless, drugs, needles, deaths, crime, like every other bathroom or library. Kids are not safe around that.
- Though it might not alter park safety, if it does it is unlikely the restrooms will ever go away and instead we'll stop using the park. I have a small child and would rather deal with her inconvenient bathroom needs than risk not feeling safe at our primary outdoor recreation spot.

- As a new mom, I would love to have park restrooms for my son, family, and neighbors. However, every park in San Diego that has restrooms seems to now get overtaken by the homeless, trash, needles, and drugs. The Trolley Barn Park is one of the few safe options left in San Diego for kids to play at. But unfortunately, I am terrified that adding this facility would drastically change the safe, kid and family friendly environment that is present there now.
- Ridiculous cost. Unlikely to be adequately maintained. There are enough places in the neighborhood for drug dealers and homeless people to hide and hang out. Let's use that money to solve those problems instead of making it worse.
- Concerns about safety and cleanliness. Would be a draw for undesirables to the area.
- 1-Expense 2. Maintenance 3. Attract vandalism, vagrants, encampments and loitering
- Unattended bathroom would attract vagrants, loitering and drug use to our neighborhood
- Until the city can figure out a way to keep our current restrooms in great condition it is a waste of taxpayer dollars there are also better lower cost alternatives in use around the world including public urinals visible on the streets in Europe for both boys and girls
- This will attract more homeless and drug users, just like at Balboa Park. I live several houses away from the park and this is sure to increase crime. The park is wonderful as it is. Restrooms are NOT needed.
- I moved into this neighborhood the same year that Trolley Barn Park opened, and I've loved it ever since. Having no restrooms has never been a negative, more a positive, in that most restrooms in public parks are used by the homeless, by drug addicts and dealers who have no interest in the community, only in themselves. I feel very safe in "our" park and never worry about drug deals going down, homeless people using the restroom as a second home. Please no public restrooms in Trolley Barn Park - please keep it safe.
- It is a well used, beautiful park. Park bathrooms in SD are filthy and attract transients. I would rather see the park made into condos than a transient camp.
- Our park has noticeably low guests without housing who use the space and I feel offering additional amenities such as restrooms will only attract more of those guests, which impacts the feel of the park as being a safe place during all hours for all residents. In addition to the general level of cleanliness that these bathrooms often have which makes them unappealing to use unless as a last resort. I am interested in the idea of getting local business buy-in to offer restrooms to park guests, as I understand many may not live as close as I do, and it would cost the city a fraction of the money to pay them some sort of monthly stipend rather than building and maintaining a facility at the park.
- A restroom would only benefit and encourage the already existing homeless camps in the surrounding area. We have had our share of canyon fires.
- San Diego has an inability to sustain clean, useable restrooms in outdoor public areas. Examples include Balboa Park. They become dirty, drug infested storage areas for the homeless. They will quickly become unusable for the exact folks that are arguing the need for them.
- Unless the city will be staffing the restrooms, they attract graffiti and crime. By staffing, I mean that there will be an attendant during the time the restrooms are open.. No matter how clean the city claims it will keep them, you only have to look to other parks and beach areas around town to see that the cleaning does not last.

- Unfortunately, city can't keep up with maintenance and restrooms end up being a safety hazard more than a benefit. There are numerous local businesses that offer an option for restroom usage.
- I agree that the park could use a bathroom so that children and other park visitors could use it but the increased risk of crime and homeless people camping in the canyon outweighs any benefit a public bathroom would make to the community.
- Graffiti and drug use by the homeless population
- I feel that restrooms would worsen the problem with the homeless population that already build encampments and just generally loiter in the park. In our other local parks that have restrooms, they are filthy and are commonly used for drug-use and sex.
- It will attract more homeless encampments and draw more large groups of people that will stay there all day-leaving less park for the residents to enjoy and less parking as well for the homes and businesses around the area.
- The transient situation is already severe with a constant stream of people up and down the canyon. Last year they started a fire that threatened several homes. I don't want our collective sympathy to lead us in to making poor planning decisions. It's not meant to be used all day. It's a neighborhood park.
- "I think bathrooms might encourage a "permanent"
- population with people setting up tents etc.
- Cost, maintenance, lack of police support if homeless become a problem in the park
- The park doesn't have enough space and I avoid other public city bathrooms because they can be dangerous or filthy
- All the San Diego park restrooms I have been in have been dirty, essentially unusable, and attract nonfamily friendly people involved questionable activities. Trolley Barn Park was designed to serve the surrounding community. I have been going to Trolley Barn since my daughter (now 9) was a toddler and we have always enjoyed it and have managed without a bathroom fine. Adding a restroom would not improve the park, but attract activity that would make us less likely to use the park.
- Citywide, restrooms aren't maintained and quickly turn into nasty, run down spots that no one wants to use. They become a draw for homeless to wash up in. I would suggest the city develop a partnership with the business across the road, install city owned restrooms there but have it monitored/cleaned by business staff.
- Homeless often occupy as a residence. Other people end up destroying the bathroom. City doesn't maintain well
- First, its a really small park. Restrooms would take up a huge part of it. Second, I don't think they would be maintained and they could draw in crazy drug people. The ones on 6th in Balboa are not maintained at all. I don't feel safe taking my child in them. I fear that wpuld happen with restrooms here.
- It would have to be maintained and locked daily. Will you pay for that?
- No.
- It's a small park so a building would take up some of the space. But mainly, a restroom would create a whole different environment from our neighborhood park by attracting people who need a restroom but don't care about the park. In addition, a restroom, it would give homeless people a reason to camp in the canyon. That's a safety and fire risk.

- No alternatives to explore. Trolley barn is a neighborhood park that we feel safe. Bathrooms are also not normally maintained.
- While having restrooms at Trolley Barn Park would be a convenient amenity, the hard truth is that it will a) become a magnet for the homeless and drug abusers and, b) will require daily maintenance that will be very expensive. This idea has been revisited on multiple occasions throughout the years and each time it gets shot down because the bathrooms will ultimately be unsafe, unsanitary and nearly impossible to maintain unless they are cleaned multiple times a day and locked at night. Let's spend our funds on more meaningful projects like expanding our existing library, planting trees, improving existing parks and adding additional, much needed park space including a dog park.
- This is a neighborhood park. Bathrooms are unnecessary and would attract more of the homeless/indigent/unsavory population we fight to keep out of our neighborhoods every day
- The bathrooms may attract more homeless and graffiti, The park is right out my back door, I like it just the way it is.
- I feel that no matter how often they are cleaned and re-stocked they will always be lacking. They will be a place for drug use and vandalism and a sleeping area for the homeless. A portable unit might be a better solution if cleaned and stocked frequently.
- Old Trolley Barn Park has served the needs of the local community for 30 years without 'comfort stations'. It has always been designated a neighborhood park. 'Comfort stations' create hangouts for the homeless and frequently become targets for graffiti "artists". I like the possibility of public/private partnerships with neighboring businesses. That could be a win win for all parties.
- "Nobody, who is using the park with their family, would ever go into, or let their children go into a public park bathroom. They are unpredictable and there is a high likelihood that you, or your child, will be exposed to a number of undesirable things. These things include: people on/or actively using drugs, needles, human waste, prostitution, people sleeping in the stalls and storing their belongings in the stalls. This park was built as a small neighborhood park. The people who use this park live within a few blocks. We all know that we will have to head for to use the bathroom. We have lived close to this park for over 20 years. I have two children that grew up going to this park. It has NEVER been a problem to not have a bathroom. On the contrary, we have seen some outrageous things go on here. These problems will only be compounded if there is a "comfort station" available for people to use for drugs/sex work. "
- The condition of the restrooms in Balboa Park are a good example of what you can expect to happen to restrooms in OTBP. Very expensive to try and maintain and despite the effort of maintenance crews, they are filthy and littered with trash, drug paraphernalia, graffiti, etc.
- City park bathrooms are out of control and people and children wouldn't be to use anyways
- Attracting more drug and criminal activity.
- The homeless loiter and already set the canyon in fire there. Plus there is no public restroom at a public park in San Diego that is not trashed, I wouldn't let my 8yr old use any of them, needles, feces, urine, used toilet paper, etc. I don't want that sort of filth in our park and I don't want the drug usage brought with the homeless in our neighborhood and at our park. Finally, it also attracts people that aren't from the neighborhood to have all day parties and gatherings in our small park. This small park is already packed because of density increase without green spaces being added, we don't need it more packed by people outside the community.
- Cost and safety issues outweigh any comfort for the residents that utilize the park.

- o A lovely little park was created by the school for skateboarding 38th -Park de la cruz. There is often a police presence (because of the homeless???)the ToILETs are disgusting IF you can get the couples???? The snorting druggies ,and the people doing their ablutions out, long enough to utilize the toilets . CITY of SD needs to take care of the homeless -clear out the encampments - mental health housing job training -Core problems before public toilets and before calling itself the finest city
- o Worried that they will attract drug use and unhoused people camping in the park. I also feel that it's an exorbitant waste of money that could be better spent on improving the city life as well as improving the homeless issue. An alternative would be to patronize businesses around the park and use their restrooms.
- o " This will be a great place for homeless people to hang out, also a great place for illegal drug use, it will be a graffiti magnet, it will be too expensive to build at millions of dollars for a toilet when all you have to do is go across the street and use one of the restrooms at one of the many businesses. not to mention routine maintenance and cleaning that has to occur everyday or they will be filthy. A simpler approach would be "" go to the bathroom before you go to the park"" , it's that simple.
porta potties during special events are sufficient"
- o I've seen what the restrooms have done in ob. They are not safe. And they will eventually become gross
- o "Dear UHCA members and neighbors, Quite honestly, I'm shocked the Trolley Barn Park project keeps coming up. It seems the City has extra money and wants to do something with it. In reality, the money should be spent on helping resolve our homeless problem as well as increase the number of Police officers to help protect us with faster response times.
I live near Trolley Barn Park on Panorama Drive. I have first hand experience regarding the issues with living near a community park on the canyon.

If you can please email me back to confirm receipt of this email and attachment. Thank you!

I will try to keep this email brief and concise. I can write much more and can clarify things if needed. Let's start with a timeline...

2017 The City had a homeless problem downtown. And the City forced the homeless out and where did many go? They migrated to Mission Valley

2017-2018 The Mission Valley Riverwalk had become the new homeless problem. And the city forced the homeless out and you where did they go? They migrated up into the residential canyons adjacent to the valley.

2018 The canyons around Mission Valley became the new homeless problem. My home is on the canyon. And the City ""Chris Ward's Office"" would NOT do anything to help us. Why? Because the homeless that were forced out of Mission Valley by the City sweep - had migrated onto our private residential land. They weren't on City property anymore. Even though the City pushed them onto our land. That was just unacceptable.

My elderly neighbor had a large homeless camp below his home at his Mission Valley canyon property. The police were called and they did ask the one homeless person they found there to leave within 72 hours. But he didn't go anywhere. And it was clear the camp housed more than the one person the police found. It was a bad situation.

The same neighbor became frustrated because he couldn't find any of the City recommended resources (that he needed to hire) willing to come out and help us. All the businesses declined to help because the canyon was too steep and dangerous for their employees. He had no choice but to hire college kids who needed money to climb down to the canyon and get the homeless to move on and remove their camp along with stolen property and drug needles, etc. It was a dangerous nightmare that took a long time to get somewhat resolved. Our biggest concern was theft, drugs, weapons and fire. We had ALL 4 of these around my home during this time.

On a side note: Personally I have called the City at least 10 times over 5 years because of homeless on my residential property. Who knows how many more homeless have trespassed across my canyon property that I wasn't home to see or wasn't aware of while sleeping at night? One afternoon I was out shopping and a homeless guy was trying to break into my home. My security camera caught him. I rushed home to chase him away. It took the police 2.5 hours to show up. He was long gone by then. It was very scary watching him attempt to force entry into my home repeatedly!

2019 The City ""Chris Ward's Office"" proposed Public Toilets at Trolley Barn Park adjacent to the canyons where we were battling the homeless problem for 2 years now without any City help! There was significant outcry from the immediate neighbors who would be impacted by adding public toilets. The vast majority of people said NO to this idea and the waste of money to even do a preliminary project engineering study. I think there was about \$500,000 budgeted. Even the University Heights Parks and Rec Council was NOT asked for their input before Chris Ward proposed the project. They even agreed to NO we don't need or want it. The Trolley Barn Park is a small community park only. NO public restrooms needed. It seems to me that the City's decision making process is working in some sort of tone deaf vacuum unaware of our community problems and needs? And it's painful to see such a wasteful use of our limited City resources.

On the bright side, there was one GREAT idea that came out of all this. There is a Cafe being built across the street from the Park. At the time, I called Chris Ward's office and suggested that the City should work with them and come up with a ""deal"" so they would let the Park visitors use their accessible bathroom as needed. I even spoke directly with the cafe builder and asked if the owner would be open to that. He said YES. They want people to come to their cafe right next to the park! There is even a crosswalk in place already across Adams Avenue. And the bathroom would be monitored by the Cafe staff. Sounds like a WIN WIN situation to me. I'm still hopeful this option may be pursued!

2020 No developments - we thought the City heard us and abandoned the Trolley Barn Park Public Restroom project. And maybe even made a ""deal"" with the Cafe still under construction!

2021 The Canyons are still very dangerous. There has NOT been much improvement. There was a Fire set by a homeless camp in the canyon right adjacent to Trolley Barn Park within 100ft of homes. ALL of us were so scared our homes would burn down. I was told the camp was reported to the City BEFORE the fire occurred and nothing was done.

2022 There was another Fire set by the homeless in a canyon near 163. The homeless problem and canyon fires are a very REAL risk. In February the cover page titled ""UH CANYONS STILL A DANGEROUS MESS"" highlighting the homeless problem and canyon fires in our community and then in March the cover page ""RESTROOMS IN TROLLEY BARN PARK"" asking for our input regarding building new Public Restrooms next to a canyon that just caught fire last year due to homeless problems. It's shocking to me!

I always assumed the City Council members and City Mayor read our UHCA newsletters and understand what's going on here? But now I'm not so sure? Maybe they just don't know the history? I'm hopeful my letter helps them realize our current problems and concerns.

The March 2022 UCHA newspaper asked for our input City staff ""Councilmember Steven Whitburn and Mayor Todd Gloria"" were proceeding with initial engineering plans. I'm just shocked that they don't know the history and the problems we are having and the original intent of the park. What can we do more to let them know NO NO NO to public restrooms at Trolley Barn Park.

I'm not even going to talk much about the crime, vandalism, drug traffic and other things Public Restrooms seem to attract. And how nasty and disgusting these restrooms become. Look at any San Diego park restroom. Try the ones near Balboa Tennis Club. Or the ones in Balboa Park. We do NOT want that here.

We have enough problems that the City has not resolved yet.

This is an article from 2019 regarding City Restrooms titled ""Balboa Park Bathrooms are Gross..."". <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/growth-development/story/2019-05-08/balboa-park-bathrooms-are-gross-but-this-report-could-change-that>

Sorry, I tried to keep this as short as possible. I hope the City staff take the time to read this and better understand why we don't need to pursue Public Restrooms at a small community park especially when it's right next to residential homes that currently have homeless camp problems and dangerous fires. Our valuable City resources should be spent elsewhere to make our community safer. Not more dangerous.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and hopefully understand our concerns. If by chance you have any questions or need more information please feel free to ask. We are happy to help!

Sincerely, Ed Ruegg

- I expect bathrooms would quickly become a magnet for unsavory activity, especially at night. There is already substantial transient activity in the canyon below the park. A permanent bathroom in Trolley Barn Park would be a mistake. Could a bathroom be built, or a permanent, maintained port-a-pot be located at the exterior of the commercial office building directly across the street from Trolley Barn Park? The continual traffic on Adams Avenue would tend to discourage too much mischief. Either alternative would have to be locked in the evening and checked for cleanliness before opening in the morning for it to be useful.
- Two much money for this.
- We feel the homeless situation in UH will make the restrooms unusable for young children. Unsafe. We would like local businesses to allow people using Trolley Barn park to have access to their business restrooms with a purchase of a small item or drink. Or pay \$.50 for the restroom. Etc.
- "I have been an owner/resident for 18 yrs adjacent to TBP. First let me start off by saying how utterly ridiculous it is for us to complete this survey on a subject that comes up just about every time a new politician is elected representing our community. The minority amount of the people in favor of this restroom proposal are persistent in their efforts.
We, the resident majority (not in favor) are persistent as well but are tiring of the continual surveys & this subject resurfacing. We all know that this park was intentionally planned & built without restrooms after neighborhood input at meetings, etc. Yet here we go again! I have visited every community park with restrooms in a 5-mile radius of TBP & photographed the interior & exteriors. I wish I was able to upload my photos. You would see how disgusting they are maintained, not to mention the transient drug dealers that conduct their business inside & around. If I were a parent with a child, I certainly would not take them inside a new restroom in TBP. Locals know there are no restrooms in the park. Others out of area do not. So, I would suggest some signage posted that there are ""NO PUBLIC RESTROOMS"". Plan ahead folks. TBP was not designed to be an ALL Day Park outing. Further the costs for design & build are insanely expensive! I could have a 2,000+ sq. ft house or commercial office built for the same amount. This is a BIG waste of time, citizens tax dollars all for a structure that was purposely not built in 1986. Put the money to better use maintaining/cleaning the existing bathrooms in larger parks and recreational facilities."
- There are numerous restaurants nearby to accommodate restroom needs. A permanent restroom will likely attract transients. We need a dog park. NOT bathrooms.
- TB park is one of the cleanest safest parks in central SD. Putting in a bathroom, unfortunately, will bring in more homeless people and more drug use.
- Public bathrooms throughout San Diego consistently attract the homeless population who use them as housing negating any comfort and convenience for the public. Alternative would be portable temporary facilities brought in

during special events

- In general, bathrooms at Trolley Barn would be desirable, but I have taken my son to parks and playgrounds all over the city for the last years, and in most cases the restrooms are poorly maintained. Those, who use them, do so because they really have to, not because they want to. A good example would be the restroom at Ward Canyon, Take a look at the restrooms and wait around a while to see who uses them. Homeless have been staying at TB occasionally, and I'm sure they only left because of the lack of that amenity. The parents I meet with at different playgrounds all know where the restrooms are; they know there is no restroom at TB, but they come anyway. People make due. I suppose restrooms would come in handy for the summer programs, but porta potties are fine. Restrooms would be really nice, and I more than once really wished there were some, but I think the drawbacks outweigh the benefits 60/40, therefore I have to say "no".
- I have visited other parks with bathroom in our neighborhoods. A lot of times, I encounter people seems to be on drugs occupying the bathroom and we weren't able to use it.
- Restrooms are an eye sore and hard to keep clean. This is a neighborhood park and most people have access to restrooms in their nearby homes. I love walking in the area at night and love how safe the park feels at all hours. I feel like restrooms compromise that and encourage lingering homeless.
- The park is small and restrooms would take up space, plus there's a cost to maintain them. Given the restroom situation in balboa park, I don't think restrooms would improve Trolley Barn
- Homeless
- Absolutely not necessary. This is a neighborhood park where people stay a couple of hours and then leave. Permanent bathrooms would increase the homeless population, become a venue for drug sales/use, and increase the general population of a small park that is already used by quite a few people making the parking situation in this neighborhood even worse. Why doesn't the city use the money it has earmarked for bathrooms in Trolley Barn Park to build other parks in the Normal Heights/North Park area instead of putting up another high rise, unaffordable building?
- PROPOSED COST FOR A COUPLE BATHROOMS IS RIDICULOUS. HOW CAN ANYONE THINK THIS IS REMOTELY ACCEPTABLE? \$500K - 1.5M??? FOR A SET OF BATHROOMS!!.. HELL NO! CUT THE FAT OUT OF THAT NUMBER WITH FEES, REGULATIONS, STUDIES ETC. THIS IS FELONY STUPID - YOU CAN DO THE WHOLE THING FOR LESS THAN \$50K.
- This park was not intended to have restrooms. A "comfort station" is asking the homeless to "come hang out here". I don't know what the answer is.
- Attracts homeless people.
- 1 It would take up space. 2. Given the state of other park bathrooms around San Diego, I'd hate to see another public bathroom go overused and unmaintained. 3. The cafe that will eventually be done across the street will have one for customers I assume. Great way to keep business going for that place. 4. I'd rather see the money go towards a flashing crosswalk and a small nature playground added (like some of the other neat nature playgrounds going in around town).
- Bathroom usage at the retail store being built across the street from Trolley Barn Park during normal business hours. Building a 1.5 million dollar comfort station seems like an outrageous amount of money and will further add to homelessness encampments around the park.

- We already have a huge problem with homeless break-ins and encampments.
- City can use the \$\$\$ (earmarked to build this) and buy the u-haul site. They can construct some affordable housing and put public toilets on ground floor . Affordable housing gets built and public toilets are also provided.
- It will cost millions and quickly be ruined by people suffering from homelessness
- "1. This park does not call for restrooms as it is a micro-park built for the densely populated UH area. It is not the type of park people drive to and spend all day at. People including families with children come for an hour or so then leave.
Unfortunately, public restrooms attract illicit activity. Even without restrooms at Trolley Barn Park if you review the crime stopper map you will see there are still illegal activities taking place there. A restroom will most definitely increase crime in the park. Those of us who live directly by the park (I can see the park from one of my windows) oppose bathrooms due to the inevitable crime increase.
- I oppose bathrooms at Trolley Barn Park due the costs. Since bathrooms are not needed, why spend vital finite funds for bathrooms? The only time bathrooms may be needed is during the few weeks of ""concerts in the park"" which prior to COVID, were held for several weekends in the summer. If the City desired, it could bring in temporary ""porta-potties"" at a fraction of the cost to build permanent bathrooms." <<email redacted>>
- The Costs (Initial building and yearly maintenance). Not necessary and degrades the park by attracting the wrong element which is already an issue due to the canyon next to the park. Alternatives: Port-A-Potties as needed for special events.
- It will attract homeless
- Concerned about expense and cleanliness, possibility of drug use in bathrooms or assault. The park is a neighborhood park and should be focused on the needs of the neighborhood, no need to attract non-residents or people who arrive early and then camp out all day like they do at other parks with facilities. It's perfect the way it is now. People use it for a few hours at a time and then move on their way.
- It will become more of a nuisance than a benefit with the increased homelessness
- I feel building a bathroom in the park would enable the homeless and invite them to live near/by the park. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
- There is already a bunch of homeless camps in the canyons in University Heights and recently I've seen a couple tents at the Trolley Barn Park in the morning. Adding bathrooms will make this exponentially worse.
- The park is small and is mostly used by locals, who live nearby anyhow. Restrooms would create possible vandalism, cruising, additional homelessness in the area, cleanliness issues. I believe city funds could be used much more wisely.
- More homeless, trash, traffic both people and and cars. Also with SO many apartments coming in there will be so much more traffic. Absolutely NO on a "comfort station". We pay A LOT to live in this neighborhood and want community but not extended stays- day or night.
- Public toilets, unless cleaned daily get super dirty. If toilets go in, I'd like to see is the self sanitizing toilets. They have these in europe in a lot of public places. Once you're done they clean/sanitize themselves.

- It will just become a restroom taken over by the homeless and therefore not usable like so many other public restrooms in our city. Until we find solutions for our homeless crisis, I say we postpone having restrooms.
- Concerned about people hanging out all hours of the day and night possibly doing drugs and leaving drug paraphernalia behind for people (children) to find.
- We already have people lingering in our neighborhoods that have bad intentions it is my opinion this will invite those and others into our neighborhood. I saw it have a very negative impact on Balboa park.
- Have lived in this neighborhood for over 40 years. The Trolley Barn Park was built and INTENDED for residents of this neighborhood. The addition of restrooms will. Ruin that by welcoming homeless and other unwanted activities and non residents
- I feel that the disadvantage-- creating more of a homeless magnet than it already is-- outweighs the advantages. Unfortunate.
- Concern about keeping them clean and homeless using them, increasing their congregation in the park.
- I dont want transient people congregating there and setting up camp. This is a neighborhood park and residents can always go home to use a bathroom, or visit a local business.
- Unfortunately, "comfort stations" will attract the overwhelming homeless population resulting in local residents and children not using the stations. We only need to look at the playground bathrooms in Balboa park which are filled with addicted men and women using the restrooms as a respite. This is a local neighborhood park, on the average people use the park for 1-2 hours, and most are able to go home to use the restroom. One alternative might be to look to neighboring businesses for a partnership that would allow park attendees to utilize their restrooms in an emergency or for a child. But I would vote a solid NO, to putting bathrooms in trolley barn park.
- We have functioned well without a restroom for many years. I am afraid the large homeless population on ECB and in Hillcrest would be attracted to a park with restrooms and enter deeper into the University Heights area. If they are built, the city should consider building an environmental design which would discourage the homeless from hanging out. Such as single gender toilets, pay or combination entrance, no roof, above floor walls, exterior hand washing sinks, automatic locking system after dark, auto sprinklers to spray the interior and any other environmental criminology strategies that have proven effective. The city must also commit (budget) for an increase in police presences and daily city cleaning. But the real answer is don't do it!
- Homeless, typically dirty, attract a seedy crowd.
- I feel that they will attract more homeless people and will not be properly maintained & will put extra burden in the city that will not be met
- The park is too small for a restroom. It will also attract more homeless people.
- I think it would attract bad activity, and it is a small park that you can just walk home if you need facilities. There is a homeless problem in the canyon and this would add to the problem
- Sadly I think it'd only increase our homeless issues and I can't see them staying clean/safe.
- Too expensive for the size of the park and, unfortunately, too many homeless people who would misuse the facilities.

- "The proposed restroom isn't a good idea due to inadequate City services for police protection and homeless care in our neighborhood. The growing homeless problem in University Heights due to our location near many canyons for homeless to camp. Homeless encampment fire risk and community danger. Public toilets are used for doing drugs, quick sex, even homeless bathing and probably sleeping too. The City will NOT have the resources to maintain restroom to keep it clean and repair it when vandalized. Visit the City toilets at Balboa Park to get an idea of who uses the toilets and what ours would look like.
Alternatives: Port a potties that would be locked during certain hours, make a deal with the cafe being built across the street for the use of their restrooms. "
- We already have enough transients in the park and would not like to attract more to the area. We have a lot of kids who frequent the parks and would not like to find more trash or drug paraphernalia.
- We need to invite the Police to weigh in. I've spoken to them privately at various places. We definitely involved them way back when before the Park was even begun. At that time, most all of us agreed, a bathroom (aka "comfort station") in the UH Trolley Barn Park would more likely be a source of trouble on several counts. Drugs, an attraction to homeless folks who would be more inclined to come where there is a water source and some privacy (sex acts within the building), an attraction to even more homeless who want to live in the canyon by the park since there is a bathroom/water for bathing, etc., nearby, and a building by which a tent, etc., could be put up, and so on. California has become a mecca to the homeless over the last years and it has become a negative from all that I see each day as I drive around the city and county. It has become dangerous and I don't even go to some places at night anymore, even in my car, where the homeless or gangs congregate. The Police may not feel free to speak their minds because this has become a political black hole no one wants to go down. But privately, to me, they have said do what I can to prevent a bathroom in that park.
- hard to maintain and keep clean, more homeless people which is unsafe for kids, energy liability
- nasty stinky gross energy and maintenance liability
- Hard to maintain and usually turns into rundown and a retreat for homeless
- Very disruptive and a homeless attraction
- The homeless issue makes this completely unsafe! Fix that issue!
- 1. The city doesn't adequately care for trash bins in the park, how can residents expect the city to clean these restrooms once they are installed?
- Despite the increased homeless throughout San Diego, integrating a public restroom in UH TBP is nothing more than a bandaid. Implementing a program such as 'Shared Housing' would be more efficient in dealing with homelessness and a better fiscal response to homelessness.
- Homeless will use this site like all other public restrooms as a staging area increasing crime rates and trash.
- The UH TBP is primarily used by local residents, there is no evidence of an increased volume of external visitors or events requiring restroom services. The need does not justify the initial and long-term costs."
- Homeless problem due to the many nearby canyons. The public restroom would serve the homeless population and draw danger/crime to the park.
- Restrooms attract homeless, drug use, prostitution, child predators, and other unsavory characters. The city can't even maintain the infrastructure it currently has (I.e. Balboa Park). Infrastructure that's needs to be fixed such as

sidewalks , streets etc

- Encampments
- Will be unsafe for our children, more homeless, more mess, less safe.
- While comfort stations may provide some attendees with convenience, their presence will exacerbate the continuing intermittent problem of homeless camping in the park, making intermittent continuous. I grew up with neighborhood parks with no comfort stations. Using them we planned our outings accordingly knowing the absence of restroom facilities. It is doable. And for the several years I've lived close to the park, large planned public events always included mobile restrooms. Public funding designated for the park could be used better for other amenities or features rather than permanent comfort stations and their high maintenance costs.
- This park has the perfect just the way it is. We've never needed restrooms before.
- Until SD/CA/USA can reduce the number of unhoused people in our communities, small, predominantly neighborhood parks such as Trolley Barn should not have comfort stations installed in them as they become a public nuisance. We need look no further than how the stations are utilized in Balboa Park for confirmation of this concern. The stations beginner focal points for encampments. They require constant (multiple times per day) maintenance otherwise they are filthy, and are often simply unsafe. For years we have used Charlie Brown Park without a restroom. As a neighborhood resident, a timed bathroom breaks for my children with our visits to the park. As an adult I do the same. This often means the business is on Park boulevard get an extra purchase if I miscalculate. Let's be realistic about the limits of our society's ability to cope with systemic problems and not install a "convenience" that will quickly become a nuisance.
- Not large enough plus sanitation
- University Heights has no restrooms for walkers, cyclists, workmen, delivery persons and such. Most businesses in UH only allow customers to use their restrooms.
- It will attract MORE homeless to the area.
- There is already a problem with homeless living in the canyon just north of the park. This will only increase the problem. The city promises to police the area and keep the structure clean and supplied during any hours it is open. How many city promises have we seen turn out to be hot air? I personally wouldn't believe the city promises if they said the sun will come up tomorrow. I have seen way too many promised programs go by the wayside to believe this one.
- Having no restrooms will maintain a safe-enough park space
- The park is already very crowded on those days and especially on the weekends. Also, with the homeless population increasing, this will bring more homeless to the park. Concerned about consistent cleanliness of not only the "comfort station" but also the overall park grounds.
- My belief is that a public restroom would dramatically increase the homeless population at Trolley Barn Park - similar to North Park Community Park.
- Would encourage more homeless people in our park and it's the only park we feel our kids are safe at
- No alternatives. No restrooms are needed. Port-a-potties are sufficient for the summer concerts and other events here. With the recent homeless camp fire in the canyon below the park and homeless people already residing in the park recently, we need to discourage transient populations from sleeping here. Adding a restroom will only

increase this problem. There have been no permanent restrooms here for 31 years, there is no need to add them now. Keep this park for people that live nearby. Additionally, the homeless issue was brought front and center when I hosted my daughters 7 year birthday at the concrete tables of the park. Less than 50 feet away a homeless person slept on the park bench from the hours 12pm-3pm creating an area where the children were uncomfortable going. While everyone has the right to enjoy the park, setting up a living area and creating litter is unacceptable. Based on other parks nearby, adding restrooms will only make the homeless encampments worse in the area.

- o I'm worried about maintenance costs, upkeep, vandalism and homeless
- o Concerned about attracting homeless population, vandalism, and maintenance. Unless there is a serious plan to address these issues, I vote no.
- o This is the only park in the area that is clean and safe for our kids. Bringing bathrooms would encourage more homeless people, prostitution and other unthinkable things.
- o Bathrooms will attract more transients to the park and make the childrens park less safe for our children.
- o totally unnecessary. most people walk to the walk. they can walk home.
- o Make a deal with the deli across Adam's Ave to use their restrooms.
- o Honestly restrooms will bring additional homeless to the area. I am against restrooms for that reason alone.
- o I worry about the unhoused using it as a place to sleep and bathe. I also worry about drug use and needles/paraphernalia being left behind where kids can get to it. The sheer expense of maintenance is staggering.
- o Unfortunately, restrooms attract an unwelcome homeless population in the same area for children and families congregate. It is obvious within the greater San Diego community that these restrooms are nominally monitor by staff and law-enforcement. Despite assurances, we've seen homeless enforcement ebb and flow over the years.
- o Restrooms of this type become a magnet for homeless. The expense of maintenance due to vandalism generally exceeds the benefits to the community who would otherwise see value in its use.
- o Restrooms in urban areas attract homeless people and drug use as well as dealing
- o Ward Canyon has restrooms and they are gross. Sponsor local businesses, think a coffee shop will eventually open across the street. Call them now and make agreement for restroom use in exchange for some funding. The owner will get business, patrons get restrooms.
- o City park restrooms are too dirty to use and attract homeless.
- o Use the money on finding permanent living solutions for the homeless rather than making parks homeless havens. Properly maintain the existing public restrooms before building more
- o "I have been taking my son there since 2017, so he fully understands that when he needs to go to the restroom it's time to go home. He has learned that he must go to the restroom at home so he can get in as much playtime as needed at the TBP. If my son can do it so can others.
If you install restrooms you will, with out a doubt in my mind, INCREASE homelessness issues in our community. It's a fact that the current politicians can't get the homeless issue under control, so adding a place for the homeless to wash, shower (using the sinks), give them a secure spot to do drugs, and future vandalism will occur. Open your eyes to every other park in SD and see how they have depreciated after the bathrooms were installed, other than

Waterfront Park, which has security guards.

If you do install the restrooms I will no longer be going to that park, and I will be sure to vote against any political figure who is in favor of them. Please don't ruin our tight community by destroying such a beautiful park, as well as a place to connect with my neighbors. "

- Do you really need an explanation? Think homeless invasion. Thankfully parents of little kids use their own sanitary portapotties. The adults can cope. Absolutely no restrooms!
- Trolley Barn Park was purposely designed, approved, and build without restrooms. To circumvent the ark's original design is most likely illegal, every so often when a new politician is elected to serve our community we have to revisit this unwanted (by majority) proposal. Existing park restrooms are unsafe & poorly maintained. Lets not waste another million taxpayer dollars!
- FILTH. Attractive to our unfortunate homeless population. Kids and visitors won't use it. Unfair burden for leaks to oceans. NO NO NO. A thousand times NO.
- For 31 years, the Trolley Barn Park has thrived without public restrooms. Bathrooms will only encourage bad transient behavior, needles, graffiti, and trash. If there are any doubts, take a look at Balboa Park's recently constructed million dollar comfort stations on sixth avenue. We have a bigger problem with dog feces than we do human feces.
- As much as this addition to the park would benefit those people using the park, mothers with children, having picnics, exercising and summer concert goers, it feels that in a very short time it would attract more homeless, drug problems, vandalism, and graffiti.
- Parking situation will worsen if restrooms are constructed. We live across the street from the park and have a terrible time finding parking right now. Like the sign says, OLD TROLLEY BARN PARK - NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- Homeless become even more encampment; when would bathrooms be opened and closed? How frequently will they be cleaned? Who cleans them? Who is contacted when something is amiss at the site and how quickly will the response be. How about portopotties as a beginning step?
- Unlike other cities, SD P&R does not take care of the restrooms, the ones in Balboa Park are disgusting & unacceptable. Our trash cans overflow, the bushes, trees are not replaced when they die, and generally look bad. The restrooms will become a nuisance like those in other local parks.
- The city won't take care of them - just look at the other ones in city parks. They are dirty and people live in them.
- People will live in them and the park will be more unsafe. And the bathrooms will be dirty.

Do you have any other comments that you'd like to share (may be used in a future UHCA News article, and if you include your first name and last initial we will attribute it, and if you don't, we will summarize your comment anonymously)?

- The park was designed to be open and highly visible so that police could drive by on Adams Ave. and behind the park on Carmelina Dr. for quick safety checks. That is why there were no groves of trees or a restroom in the original park design.

- It is important to respect the residents who live around the park.
- Restrooms are antithetical to the mission of a small community park. They serve as an attraction to low life, scum, vermin and vectors of disease. They can not be effectively managed nor maintained. They are an eyesore, a blight and function to serve the worst elements of our society. Rent porta-potties for public events as needed.
- Trolley Barn Park is a beautiful, friendly and safe neighborhood park for all ages. Let's keep it that way! Adding restrooms would add an unwanted element.
- <https://youtu.be/fRXHqs4hidM> Self cleaning pods
- Any positives of adding prohibitively expensive public restrooms are far outweighed by the negatives and probable unintended consequences. Jim Z
- Please don't do this. No one in the neighborhood wants or needs these restrooms.
- Again, if we could have accountability for the cleanliness of the park I would be more willing to see a park put in, but I don't trust that to happen to the level I want to see given what I have seen at other parks in the area.
- Stop punishing the poor, I would rather the homeless poop in the potty than 100ft away in the canyons.
- This shouldn't even be a debate, support the installation of public restrooms in OTBP and hold the City accountable for its maintenance. Furthermore, take initiative in maintaining it the same way we show pride in all of the other aspects of our unique and diverse neighborhood. Finally, make a contribution to the efforts to eradicate homelessness in our community instead of punishing everyone for the sake of bigotry. J. Jenkins
- History has shown that adding bathrooms will attract homeless, drugs, needles, crime, deaths, etc. Go to any library or go to any public bathroom. Would you let your kid ride their bike there alone? NO!
- There is no need for a restroom or comfort station to the park in this neighborhood. We are already having issues with homelessness in the area and this would do more harm than good.
- Please don't install bathrooms. The park isn't big enough to warrant public restrooms. This will be bad for the park and BAD for the neighborhood.
- Please, please please DONT build a bathroom to turn our park into a transient camp! Pete B
- The on-leash policy needs to be enforced.
- Due to the health information I've discussed above, please keep me anonymous.
- Trolley Barn Park is a neighborhood gem. Leave it just the way it is.
- I think that the recent canyon fire started by homeless people cooking in the canyon is enough to demonstrate what potential risk there is to the entire community
- I think the biggest concern is how to keep the restrooms clean and safe. I hope the committee is able to come up with a solution for that because it would be wonderful to have restrooms there.
- Civita park has a good example of park restrooms done correctly.

- I like that trolley barn park is for our neighborhood and feels safe. I think this money could be used for other projects.
- You can use my comments above and attribute them to Jennifer Bishop, Beautification Team Leader.
- My opinion of the park is that it is a bit neglected. If I had kids, I imagine I would go there often.
- My “no” answer about safety is more of a “sometimes”. Depends upon who else is out & about. Much more dangerous than it was a decade ago.
- My husband and I take long walks several times a week from our home in UH through North Park to Morley Field and on some days over to and all around Balboa Park. We have found that most of the ‘comfort stations’ are dirty and littered with trash, sometimes drug paraphernalia. The homeless are often camped in or around them. There are only a select few that we feel comfortable or safe using. I think ‘comfort stations’ would create a major problem and at great expense. My vote is a definite NO!
- Please don't turn our neighborhood park into a large scale gathering place for those outside the community and for the unfortunate nuisances that homeless bring. The canyon fire last year makes it evident that the area already is facing dangerous carelessness from the homeless, adding comfort stations would only increase this problem.
- Kids needs restrooms at a children's playground
- "Trolley Barn Park was one of great improvements of the area. The logical addition of a Comfort Station should be viewed as a welcome addition. Thank you. Peter M. "
- Yes, unless I were to frequent a restroom with a 1/2 naked transient taking a bath in the sink
- Please see my detailed timeline letter above. FYI: I had sent it to Mayor Todd Gloria's office as well as Stephen Whitburn's office. Let's hope they read the email and understand our problems. Thanks for the help! Ed R
- For the undomiciled (homeless), access to toilets is a basic right that should not be denied.
- Can it have a purified water station and lots of sinks to wash hands. A dog water fountain and kid-sized sinks or fold out stools would be nice.
- I would love it if it was somehow cleaned and secured often...
- A dog park is needed. Lots of off leash dogs here.
- NO COMFORT STATIONS IN TROLLEY BARN PARK!!!
- "We've been revisiting this restroom controversy continually for over 20 years! It was discussed during the park's initial planning sessions and ad nauseam ever since. The answer from us (the citizen/caretakers who live next to Trolley Barn) is always a resounding NO! The reasons are obvious. And yet, here we go again. Don't these council people have any sense of history? I think it's time to put this issue to bed once and for all. Ron W."
- I'd rather see the money go towards a flashing crosswalk and a small nature playground added (like some of the other neat nature playgrounds going in around town). Lora L.
- This is a community park. It's too small and placing an institutional/ low maintenance/bullet-proof structure in our park will attract more unsavory individuals.If the City wants to build this for the homeless population, let's call it what it really is and make sure it has showers, is maintained and attractive, be gender neutral perhaps like Inside

Out it can be viewable from the outside. But I digress, being realistic, this park should not have a public toilet as the cafe being constructed across the street has already said its restroom will be made available to customers and be family friendly. UH Community Assoc should use portable toilets during "events". No to a public toilets in this park.

- See comments above. Okay to use "Anne F" if used in an article.
- A permanent bathroom is unnecessary. For Special Events like the Summer Concert series, Port-A-Potties work just fine. Please use the money that would be needed for building and maintaining this permanent fixture towards helping those living in the canyons around our neighborhood. A permanent bathroom is not needed and not wanted and will only degrade the quality of our fine park! Robert G.
- No
- This survey should be for the users of the park. Take a poll at various times to get an accurate community response from the people that are actively using it. Joel P.
- Please do not put bathrooms- comfort zones
- The drinking fountain and over flowing trash cans on the weekend is an example of how the bathrooms may end up... dirty and overflowing. Lets do a trial run with a the porter potty?
- No one in this neighborhood wants this. Please listen to us and don't ruin our park.
- Do not allow this to happen, it will not improve the park or our neighborhood. Keep our neighborhood, a neighborhood!
- Please protect Trolley Barn Park , VOTE NO!
- Perhaps the building across the street being built can offer a paid restroom option or waived with a purchase
- I appreciate the UHCA and all it does for the community. Thank you for the survey and the opportunity to comment on an important issue for the neighborhood.
- I feel safe at Trolley Barn Park during the day but would not feel safe after dark. Todd Gloria is the only proponent of adding facilities because his contractor/builder "friends" will get the contract to build it.
- I feel safe in the park during the daytime when there are other people there with friends or kids or for events. I no longer go there by myself when it is dark.
- This is a horrible idea! Not needed for those of us that live in the area that use this park daily
- On the above question of "feeling safe", I wish to qualify my "yes" with "when the homeless ARE NOT hanging out / around the grounds.
- This park was thoughtfully conceived and carefully planned without restrooms 31 years ago. That comprehensive plan has produced a safe, clean, inviting public space with the perfect balance of amenities. All efforts to alter this successful plan by introducing restrooms appear to have originated outside of the community that surround this park and use it daily. We knew what we wanted then, and we know what we want now. Whether by plan or chance, Old Trolley Barn Park is now a shining example of a beautiful community gathering place, dearly loved and responsibly used by many, just the way it is. If it ain't broke, don't fix it! --Andy Cameron

- Along with my above comment, I have noticed that the park is already starting to show sign of wear and tear due to use and minimal maintenance. I don't see how increasing the workload and expense to the city with restroom facilities will make it better. If it is working, don't fix it! Bob S.
- I believe University Heights prides itself on being a neighborhood that champions diversity and inclusiveness. We are fortunate to have a park that is accessible and inviting to all – children laughing on the play structures, adults enjoying picnics, pet owners exercising their companions, families enjoying outside gatherings, athletes at all levels improving their health. A common need for all of these participants is a nearby bathroom. While some park-goers live close enough to conveniently relieve themselves, this has not been an option for the rest of us who have experienced the stress of desperately racing, sometimes unsuccessfully, to a bathroom at a local restaurant or bar with a crying child, big pregnant belly, elderly parent, or special needs young adult. We now have the opportunity to make our neighborhood park more inclusive and equitable to the people who use it. Let's work together to support a plan that provides a safe and clean bathroom option at Trolley Barn Park.
- Even homeless people need to use the bathroom. Better they do so in a safe and clean place than in the alleys and canyons.
- This is a beautiful park used by families and other residents. I would like to see the safety and benefits this park provides maintained.
- Community includes everyone.
- That anyone would be opposed to this is ridiculous.
- The city fails to take adequate care of restrooms in other parks, why would they take better care of our restrooms than in other parks? They won't. And people will end up living in them during the day like Balboa Park.
- I feel the park will become unsafe with people living in the restrooms. This happens in other parks and I won't use those bathrooms because of people lurking in them.