

Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

Report on Soccer Prohibition Signs in Culver City Parks EHRAC Meeting 9/17/24

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The committee has reviewed and created a preliminary timeline of the history of the soccer prohibition signs from the documents provided by staff.

All committee members agree that the signs are offensive, insensitive and are targeted toward a specific population.

All committee members agree that there is a clear history of concern about these signs that date back to 1994.

The Committee finds that there was a decision by the Human Services and Park Commission (now PRCS) to ban adult soccer at Culver Park West in 1994 but there is no clear evidence as to how these signs went up throughout all Culver City parks.

The Committee recognizes that 1994 was a tumultuous year in California politics as the 1994 November election included the controversial Proposition 187 that fueled a backlash against immigrants. Based on the documents provided by staff, it appears that these may have gone up sometime in the fall of 1994.

Consideration:

- The Committee is recommending that EHRAC hold a community conversation about the signs as well as collect testimony from residents about their thoughts about the signs.
- The Committee will focus on what we can do to improve on the equity and human relations aspect of this issue.
- Upon collecting additional public commentary, the Committee will decide if a recommendation to remove the signs will be made to Council.