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OFFICE: HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., February 19, 1927

Copy of motion passed by the City Board of Education at its regular meeting on February 18, 1927:

"Moved by Mr. Throop, seconded by Mr. Lowe, that it is the sense of the meeting that the Board of Education go on record as being willing to enter negotiations for the purpose of leasing Mitchell Lot for public park purposes. Carried unanimously."

Certified:

A. H. Mabley, Supt.



**PLEASE ANSWER AND RETURN UNSIGNED TO:**

By Mail

Park Committee, Monday, Club, San Luis Obispo, California.

or Deposit in box provided for the purpose at the desk of the City Library.

If you fail to answer and return this Questionnaire by Friday, March 3rd, we will assume that you are in FAVOR of a City Square for San Luis Obispo.

1. Are you in favor of a City Square for San Luis Obispo? If so, would Mitchell lot be your selection for such a Square?
2. Are the people <sup>with</sup> whom you come in contact in favor of a City Square in San Luis Obispo?

**Remarks:**



# Facts Regarding a City Square for San Luis Obispo

## 1. How Will a City Square be Administered?

The City Charter gives the Council power to "establish a park commission, and to appoint commissioners thereon, to serve without compensation, with such powers and duties as may be fixed by the Council." A Park Commission would be the main body to administer the Park affairs and would employ a Park Superintendent to take care of the actual work. The Park Superintendent would be sworn in as a peace officer.

The method of administering the Park would be similar to the method now employed with the Public Library. The duties of the Park Commission would compare with the duties of the Board of Library trustees and the duties of the Park Superintendent with those of the Librarian.

## 2. How Will a City Square be Financed?

The Park will be financed through taxation with the provision that the Monday Club advance \$3,500.00 for the initial work such as landscaping, planting and cost of shrubs, trees, etc. For the first three years a tax levy of 9c per \$100.00 of assessed valuation would be necessary. Thereafter a tax levy of only 4c would be required to maintain the Park. The larger tax rate for the first three years would completely establish the Park and pay for all permanent improvements including the upkeep for such years, according to specifications submitted by W. C. Shepard, landscape engineer of the University of California.

## 3. What will this Tax Mean to Citizens in Dollars and Cents?

A tax rate of 9c means that your taxes would be increased 9c for each \$100.00 of ASSESSED valuation. The present assessed valuation averages less than 50 per cent of actual value. Therefore if you own property worth say \$6,000.00 which is assessed for \$3,000.00, your tax increase would be .09 on every hundred dollars or .0009 on every dollar:  $\$3,000.00 \times .0009$  amounts to \$2.70 a year for the first three years. After that the tax would decrease to .04 a hundred or .0004 a dollar:  $\$3,000.00 \times .0004$  amounts to \$1.20 per year or 10c per month after the first three years.

If you are an owner of property get your last City tax statement and ascertain the ASSESSED valuation of your property by adding the assessed valuation on real estate, improvements and personal property; then follow this example:

Taxes for first three years, which will pay for improvements and includes upkeep for said years:

If your assessed valuation is .....	2,435
Multiply by .....	.0009
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Givning a tax of .....	\$2.1915—\$2.19 per year

After first three years your taxes will decrease to .04 for up-keep of Park

\$2,435
.0004
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\$. 9740—97 cents per year.

Do you believe that a property owner assessed for \$2,435 would be unwilling to pay \$2.19 a year for three years for initial investment and thereafter 97 cents per year for maintenance?

## 4. What We Expect of the School Board

We would like to have a statement from the School Board that they would be willing to turn over Mitchell Lot for a City Square in the event the City Council puts the question of a Park on a ballot and the voters approve of the project.

## 5. What We Expect of the City Council

We would like to have the City Council submit the question to the voters, either at a special or general election.

Paso Robles City Park is one of the city's best assets. Its attractiveness adds greatly to the physical appearance of the city and it affords to the people of our community a wholesome and pleasant place for rest and recreation. It is constantly used and much appreciated.

RAY B LYON.

Santa Maria is very proud of its park which is used daily by men, women and children of the community and is used by Legion Woman's Relief Corps and other Civic bodies in their annual celebrations. People passing through our little city always speak enthusiastically about our park square. I wish you every success in creating a public square for the good people in San Luis Obispo.

FRANK J. MCCOY.

President Monday Club, San Luis Obispo, Calif.—My attention has been called to the fact that your club is endeavoring to have the city establish a Park. I consider this an excellent idea and believe such a Park would be of great benefit to the National Guard for the purpose of recreation and band concerts. I trust your efforts will meet with success.

R. E. MITTELSTAEDT, Adjutant General.



Hon. Council of the City of  
San Luis Obispo, California

Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of many of our citizens that a majority of the people of San Luis Obispo would like to have the city acquire and maintain a public park conveniently located therein, now, therefore,

We, the undersigned electors of the City of San Luis Obispo hereby respectfully petition your honorable body to call a special election in said city at the earliest convenience for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors thereof the following question:

Shall the City of San Luis Obispo acquire, improve and maintain the property known as "~~Miscellaneous~~ Lot" for a public park?

Respectfully,

Name

Address

Occupation

Date of  
Signing