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Please accept this letter in opposition to the ongoing efforts by the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District's (LACSD) to enact latent park powers. The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District (ROWRPD) has been in operation for nearly 25 years serving the recreation, parks, and leisure service needs of the Rim communities, and is excited about our opportunities to continue in this capacity for the next 25 years and beyond.

Board members have reviewed LACSD's application which appears to seek to enact parks and recreation authority for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a new park in the Lake Arrowhead community near the Dam. As stated in the application, preliminary plans are underway for the ROWRPD to operate and maintain the proposed facility under our auspices, and no dialogue has occurred to the contrary. Additionally, the delay in the development of the proposed park is in no way attributable to any action or lack thereof on the part of the ROWRPD.

While LACSD asserts in the application that the "ROWRPD has seen its financial condition deteriorate to the point that its ability to continue operating as an independent special district is in serious doubt" as justification for the proposed action, ROWRPD has recently passed an assessment increase to our existing parcel tax which will provide funding toward bolstering our District's ability to improve existing parks, programming and leisure services in addition to being able to take on additional parks and programming at additional facilities such as the one detailed in LACSD's application. Further, the formation of an additional "parks service agency" could create unhealthy future competition for grant funding that would otherwise be prioritized by the ROWRPD board which is sanctioned for this purpose.

Due to the above circumstances, the ROWRPD Board of Directors can foresee no increased benefit to the Rim communities by establishing the LACSD as a park/services provider. The ROWRPD remains confident in our ability as the established provider of these services in the Rim communities, and is excited about our opportunity, with the proper funding, to professionally manage the important responsibilities expected by our constituents.

Respectfully Submitted,

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