



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Applegate Park Play Equipment

### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Requests Council direction on the proposed replacement of the Applegate Park play structure.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Provide direction to staff on how to proceed with replacement of play equipment at Applegate Park.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Direct staff to proceed with an option outlined in this report; or,
2. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
3. Deny.

### **AUTHORITY**

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

### **CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Addresses Council Priority for Park Maintenance.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Applegate Park play equipment was installed in February 1997. Over the years, there have been various repairs to the equipment, which include replacing components such as slides, swings, etc., at the park. Unfortunately, the play equipment is nearly 21 years old and has met its useful lifespan.

An inspection was performed at the park and it was determined that the structure should be completely removed due to safety concerns. The play structure was closed to the public on January 17, 2018, and staff began the process of removing the play equipment. Any salvageable pieces have been kept for re-use; however, the bulk of the play structure is no longer operational.

Most of the decking and bridge components were beyond repair and needed to be replaced on the existing structure; the availability of replacement parts makes repair unlikely. In order to properly address the safety concerns with the park equipment, staff recommends completely replacing the play structure.

No funds have been budgeted for a park replacement project and a supplemental appropriation would be required in order to address this issue. Staff will be providing playground layout options,

and associated costs, at the meeting and is seeking Council's direction on how to proceed.

### **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

If Council approves replacing the play structure at Applegate Park, a supplemental appropriation from either the General Fund and/or Fund 442 Park Reserve would be required to move forward.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location Map