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### **San Juan Capistrano City Council Approves Skateboard Park Conceptual Design;** *City Seeks Private Donations to Fund Project*

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. March 13, 2017 – On March 7, 2017, the City Council voted unanimously to approve the skateboard park conceptual design completed by Spohn Ranch, Inc. (Spohn Ranch) of Los Angeles, California, enabling community fundraising efforts to begin.

San Juan Capistrano residents have expressed interest in a City skateboard park since 2007, when a skateboard park facility was identified as a community priority as part of a citywide recreational needs assessment. On May 16, 2016, at the direction of the City Council, the City issued a request for proposals for conceptual design services and a panel comprised of City officials interviewed three firms and ultimately selected Spohn Ranch.

Spohn Ranch conducted multiple public outreach meetings, staffed a community booth advertising the project, marketed the project using social media channels, and held a citywide public meeting at the Community Center to illustrate proposed elements of the project and seek additional input. On February 16, 2017, the Parks, Recreation, Senior, and Youth Services Commission expressed unanimous support for the completed conceptual design and recommended that the City Council take formal action to accept the drawings and enable the formal fundraising effort to commence.

The proposed skateboard park is planned for the northwest end of the San Juan Capistrano Sports Park, adjacent to one of the baseball fields, located at 25925 Camino Del Avion. The design incorporates local skateboard history, an area for beginner skateboarders, and will make San Juan Capistrano home to a world-class action sports facility.

The skateboard park is estimated to cost \$2 million to construct and additional funding will be necessary for yearly maintenance. A source of funds has not yet been identified and the Council is requesting that the community contact the City to assist with donation and fundraising efforts.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the skateboard park conceptual design.

For questions related to the project or to donate funds for construction, please contact Assistant Public Works Director Tom Toman at (949) 234-4580.

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