

I'm writing to address the problem of a lack of access to public bathrooms in our city, especially in parks.

When there are events such as music concerts, bathrooms may be open and clean, but do you really think that the population needs access to the bathroom only on such days?

Babies need to have their diapers changed.

Toddlers can't hold for too long.

Women who have given birth might not be able to hold for too long either.

People on wheelchairs need adapted and accessible bathrooms.

Who can "go" hiding in the woods without fear of exposing their intimate body parts? Men. Only. Do you really want to just ignore the rest of the population?

For those reasons and many others, I'd like to request the following:

Open the park bathrooms where the facilities already exist and keep them open and clean until sunset all year round, but especially from spring to fall;  
Get rid of "dry" park bathrooms that can't be cleaned and always smell bad because there's no flushing system. Replace them with real bathrooms, especially where running water is already in place, for example at splash pads;

Install large and accessible chemical bathrooms and keep them clean where running water isn't yet in place, but with a long-term plan to replace them with real bathrooms.

I know this costs money, but I'm sure that you're able to do it by 2050 if you start now.

Set an example to other cities!

I also recommend you get acquainted with the book "No place to go", by Lezlie Lowe and her other work related to public bathrooms.

Thanks for your attention and looking forward to hearing from you!

Mirian Perez