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LOS ANGELES VOTE VETOES BALL PARK

Bond Issue for Big League Plant Is Defeated—Foes Want More Assurance

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LOS ANGELES, June 1—In an apathetic vote yesterday, Los Angeles residents rejected an opportunity to attract big league baseball here.

A proposition for a \$4,500,000 bond issue to build a baseball park lost by 160,000 to 131,000. It needed a two-thirds majority to pass. A \$35,500,000 issue for city park development also was rejected. A \$4,000,000 issue to build thirty-four new fire department substations was overwhelmingly approved.

About 37 per cent of the registered voters participated in the election.

The proposed baseball park had been urged as a necessary preliminary to getting either of the major leagues to extend their circuits here. Los Angeles has two teams in the Pacific Coast League.

Opponents had demanded more assurance of getting big-league ball here before the outlay was made.