

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: SPACE UTILIZATION OPTIMIZATION

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Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Mary Sue Maurer <mmaurer@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: SPACE UTILIZATION OPTIMIZATION

Good Day Mary Sue!

As an aside, I was sorry to hear that you will not be seeking re-election. We will miss you at our future Community Gatherings at Grape Arbor Park.

Relative to our upcoming discussion(s) regarding use of the existing Sports Courts at Juan de Anza Park, please consider the following:

- Primary consideration should focus on space optimization, relative to it's beneficial use and enjoyment of our citizens
- As one of the fastest growing activities, pickleball will continue to expand into the foreseeable future, whereas both basketball and roller hockey appear to have plateaued
- Each week, instructors from the Rancho Simi Recreation Department hold Beginner Pickleball Lessons for 20 new enthusiasts, potentially adding over 1,000 new local participants per year
- Every day the Pickleball Courts at Deerhill Park hosts between 20 to 30 pickleball players, BOTH morning AND evening, resulting in recreation for 280 local area residents per week
- The mix of pickleball players at Deerhill Park average approximately 55% female and 45% male participants
- The age range of pickleball players at Deerhill Park is between 12 years old and 81 years old

A side by side comparison of these numbers, relative to other proposed uses of our recreational assets, should make obvious the optimal use of these facilities.

As a 40+ year resident of Calabasas, pre-dating our incorporation, I urge you to opt to support pickleball courts as the primary recreational activity at Juan de Anza Park.

Respectfully Yours,
Tim Euper

Maricela Hernandez

From: Gavin L <linderman.gavin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 7:41 PM
To: James Bozajian - External; Mary Sue Maurer; Peter Kraut; David Shapiro; Alicia Weintraub; info
Cc: Maricela Hernandez; Bob Burris
Subject: Council Packet Submission for August 24th City Council Meeting
Attachments: De Anza Sport Court Council Packet.pdf

Dear City Council Members,

Attached is a submission from The Calabasas Hockey Club regarding the De Anza Sport Court. Please include this document in the Council Packet at the upcoming City Council meeting on August 24th. We hope this document aids in the discussions regarding the future usage of the court. In the meantime, we want to thank members of City Council who have come out to observe our pickup games with upwards of 60 participants each week. The Calabasas Hockey Club is well educated on this matter, and have reviewed and researched several solutions that will keep hockey at the De Anza Court and provide a multi-sport facility.

Thank you in advance for reviewing this submission. We look forward to participating in the upcoming discussion.

Best,

Gavin Linderman
209.815.0337

**Community Feedback on the Juan Bautista De Anza
Sport Court**

Calabasas City Council Meeting: 8/24/22

Submission by the Calabasas Hockey Club

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Objective:

To provide insight into the De Anza Sport Court as a location for continued roller hockey play and other multiuse purposes.

History of Hockey in Calabasas:

The City of Calabasas has been home to roller hockey for over 20 years. The Tri Valley Roller Hockey League (TVRHL) has operated out of Juan Bautista De Anza Park since 2002. According to Tri Valley founder and director, Ned Collins, *TVRHL was the first roller hockey league in the world*. TVRHL and the Calabasas City were on the frontier of roller hockey and developed a unique and custom rink well before commercial roller hockey rinks existed. This rink has a strong hockey history and connection to the community. In the league's peak there were approximately 400-500 registered skaters who enjoyed the facility 4 nights per week.

Pandemic Related Issues:

During the COVID-19 pandemic TVRHL was forced to shut down operations due to restrictions on organized sports in Los Angeles County. The league enjoyed its final roller hockey season during the limited COVID-19 reopening in 2021. TVRHL played its last game at De Anza Park in July 2021 before the retirement of Ned Collins. Since the retirement of TVRHL, roller hockey enthusiasts continue to utilize De Anza for community pick-up games.

During this same time, the Agoura/Calabasas Recreation Center closed due to COVID leaving their members who played pickleball at the location without a location to play. In lieu of the Rec Center closure, Pickleball USA Ambassadors identified De Anza park as a desirable alternative location.

Current Usage:

Before the pandemic, hundreds of skaters played roller hockey at De Anza between 5pm-9pm 4 nights per week in the Tri Valley Roller Hockey League. Sunday was a dedicated co-ed night which hosted approximately 100 skaters. The Sport Court at Juan Bautista De Anza Park continues to boast large community roller hockey pick-up games on Sundays and Tuesdays. Approximately 60 community members continue to play pickup hockey throughout the week. Hockey enthusiasm remains high. The community is seeking the opportunity to play again in an organized league.

On April 10th, 2022 The Acorn Newspaper observed an open skate at De Anza Park and cited "several dozen skaters" enjoying the facility. This turn out is typical for the limited time allowed for hockey play at De Anza.

Post pandemic, hockey players have been given limited access to the De Anza Sport Court. The hockey goals are only available to the public on Sundays and Saturday evenings. Players state the limited access to the rink and the goals are a deterrent to weekday hockey activities. The Parks Department rejected requests to allow for hockey goals to be used week nights from 8p-10p when the court is currently not being used by the community. On-site staff also refuse to unlock community nets when the rink is unused and scheduled for open play. As a result,

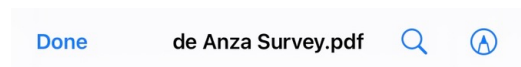
hockey players transport their personal goals on Tuesday night to accommodate pickup games for dozens of community members. We expect greater hockey participation if the court and goals were made available to roller hockey players during other open play periods Monday through Saturday.

Hockey Vs. Pickleball Survey Results:

The Calabasas City’s “De Anza Park Survey” collected input from the community at large to measure interest in Pickleball vs. Hockey. The results objectively show *more* enthusiasm for roller hockey than pickleball.

This is obviously an important issue as nearly 2,000 people participated in this survey. That doesn’t even count basketball interest. Considering the last Council election had about 14,000 votes, this poll represents approximately 15% of total constituents. Finding ways to accommodate all of them is in the best interest of the city.

Survey results show that 59% of all people who would use the Sport Court 25 times or more per year would use it for roller hockey, compared to only 41% of people who would use the court for pickleball.



1909 responses

1. Please identify how often you or members of your household are likely to play roller hockey at De Anza Park in the next 12 months:

Answered: 1865 Skipped: 0 Left Blank: 44

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	45.15%	842
Less than ten times per year	6.22%	116
10 to 25 times per year	13.08%	244
More than 25 times per year	35.55%	663
TOTAL		1865

2. Please identify how often you or members of your household are likely to play pickleball at De Anza Park in the next 12 months:

Answered: 1900 Skipped: 0 Left Blank: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	49.16%	934
Less than ten times per year	11.84%	225
10 to 25 times per year	15.16%	288
More than 25 times per year	23.84%	453
TOTAL		1900

Survey Link

<https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/services/de-anza-survey>

Solutions for a Shared Facility:

The Sport Court at De Anza Park offers opportunities for multiple sports to coexist on the same surface. Concerns have been raised by the Parks, Recreation and Education department over the surface lining, surface type, multiuse schedule, and upkeep. However, there are cooperative and cost-effective solutions for each issue which are outlined in the following sections.

Surface Lining:

Lining for a multiuse surface can easily be accomplished using different colors. Hockey has the *fewest* lines and markings out of all three discussed sports (hockey, pickleball, and basketball). Hockey rinks generally have 3 lines in the middle section of the rink, 4 small dots for penalty faceoffs, and a painted crease in front of each goal. In fact, there are variations of roller hockey that can be played with only the crease in front of the goal and no other lines. The city does not need to eliminate either sport based on something as subjective as “distracting” lining.

Surface Type:

The current surface at the De Anza Sport Court was installed by Taylor Tennis. We have been informed by Taylor Tennis that they offer a surface mix that will accommodate roller hockey, basketball, and pickleball. We request that Jim Taylor from Taylor Tennis is contacted for information on multiuse surfaces. We reviewed the surface at the basketball court at Grape Arbor Park and believe that it provides adequate texture for roller hockey, basketball, and pickleball. We request the city contacts the vendor who installed that basketball surface for information on the surface specs and suitability for roller hockey, pickleball, and basketball.

Maintenance and Repairs:

Upon review of the maintenance and repair costs for the Sport Court at De Anza Park the majority of expenses are from scheduled resurfacing. According to the Parks Department, periodic resurfacing is a budgeted expense and will take place regardless of which sport(s) are permitted on the court.

The hockey sideboard system was custom built in 2002 due to the historic nature of the court. These same side boards meet industry standards, pass insurance inspections, and have proven durable for over 20 years. This system was paid for and built by TVRHL before becoming donated city property. The hockey league performed and funded all repairs from 2002-2021. According to Ned Collins, the Director of TVRHL, the repairs are minimal and generally require periodic inspection and tightening of loose screws. This is simple maintenance that any park department worker can perform to maintain a board system that has already been gifted to the city. Since the retirement of the league, the Parks Department has neglected to perform simple routine maintenance to preserve this resource.

The current board system is proven safe for ongoing usage. There has *never* been an incident or injury due to the side boards. Safety inspections were the responsibility of the prior league and consistently passed industry and insurance standards. The board system is in nearly identical condition to the last time it was approved for league play.

Scheduling and Equipment Storage:

The De Anza Sport Court can and should be home to multiple sports. A multiuse schedule can easily be prepared and monitored. The Parks Department has an office and staff on-site to accommodate a shared schedule. Currently, schedules are enforced for youth basketball, open play, and hockey. It is reasonable to add additional activities to the posted schedule.

Hockey related equipment is minimal and requires little to no storage. Hockey has two goals that are left outdoors and locked next to the rink. In the past, these goals were left unlocked and were available for public use. The goals were locked by the Parks Department only after the retirement of TVRHL. Future storage of the goals does not require locking or city staff to move goals onto the rink.

According to the Parks, Recreation and Education meeting on 2/24/22, pickleball equipment will consist at minimum of six moveable nets and multiple benches. The storage expenses and staff-related time setting the equipment up *daily* is unknown. Acoustiblok, a USA Pickleball vendor, was contacted for their professional opinion on how much effort setting up and taking down six pickleball courts would require. Mr. O’Meara, Director of Noise Abatement, advises that this would require a dedicated staff and significant storage capacity.

Community Desire for Youth Hockey Programs:

The community desires a larger variety in youth sports. Per the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission’s meeting on 12/13/21, local parents favor outdoor youth sports to indoor youth sports. Roller hockey and/or Ball Hockey (played without skates) presents the opportunity for parents to enroll their kids in COVID safe outdoor sports.

Much of the youth who grew up playing roller hockey at De Anza Park are now parents of young children. There is a new generation of hockey enthusiasts eagerly waiting for an opportunity to get involved in Calabasas hockey. Ball Hockey leagues are gaining in popularity and serve as a desired addition for youth sports. Children as young as preschool age are able to play in Ball Hockey leagues.

Justin Blazak, a retired professional hockey player and Director of Player Development for a local youth hockey organization contacted the Parks Department to express interest in running programming or assisting with the development of new programs. Other community members, including Adam Poe (Director of Ventura Roller Sports) and Hector Diaz, also expressed programming interest directly to the Parks Department to no avail. It is also reported that other organizations are interested in running and developing programming.

Inclusive Play:

Special Olympics of Southern California is seeking new locations to continue their “Floor Hockey” program. Floor Hockey is one of the most desired sports by adult Special Olympic Athletes. Within the last several years Special Olympics has been forced to limit Floor Hockey enrollment due to limited locations for play. Keeping hockey at De Anza Park offers The City an opportunity to host inclusive play by partnering with Special Olympics and expanding their very sought-after Floor Hockey program to differently-abled community members.

Considerations if Pickleball is to be played at De Anza Park:

Parking:

The parking lot at Juan Bautista De Anza Park has 38 general parking spots. The lot is typically full during daytime hours on the weekends. The park is heavily frequented by families who rely on accessible parking for strollers and picnics.

On 2/24/22 the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission passed a motion to develop 6 pickleball courts at the De Anza Sport Court. These 6 courts will accommodate a maximum of 24 players at a time (4 players per court) with others waiting for an open court. Pickleball can bring upwards of 40 additional cars attempting to park during peak weekend hours. Calabasas has very few public parks/playgrounds available for their residents. With that said, pickleball will displace or discourage families from coming to De Anza due to lack of convenient parking.

Hockey games make very little impact on families’ accessibility to parking, as hockey players arrive in the evenings as families are leaving the park.

Noise/Litigation/Costs:

Noise concerns are valid for all pickleball establishments. The USA Pickle Association has a category on its website to help facilities prepare for noise complaints. According to the LA Times article published on March 3, 2022, *“Pickleball Noise is Fueling Neighborhood Drama from Coast to Coast”*, pickleball is inherently noisy and a common cause of community litigation. The article states that pickleball noise is constant and 25 decibels louder than the hardest hit tennis ball. Residents near pickleball courts report “severe mental suffering, frustration, and anxiety” and “unreasonable interference with their enjoyment of their property.”

Communities including Newport Beach, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Goleta California face litigation. Frequently pickleball establishments are required to close, modify usage, or install expensive and unsightly sound barriers such as The USA Pickleball Association’s recommended “Acoustifence.”

The Avalon apartment complex is home to 699 units and located only 400 feet away from the De Anza Sport Court. Considerations should be made to ensure that the noise does not cause future litigation or unforeseen city expenses to build expensive sound barriers. The park also

backs up to the Santa Monica Mountains. The hills natural acoustics will project such noise from the park towards the local neighborhood.

Also, there should be efforts made to ensure that the noise created by pickleball does not cause long-term hearing issues or deter children from using the adjacent play structures. Pickleball noise has been measured at a minimum of 70 dBa at about 100 feet from the strike of the ball. The adjacent play structure is only a few feet away from the proposed pickleball location. According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association it is recommended that we avoid extended periods of exposure to 85 dBa. Above 90 dBa is considered dangerous according to OSHA standards. The dBa at the play structure is unknown and likely exceeds the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's safety recommendations.

Juan Bautista De Anza Park has an on-site office and community room less than 100 feet from the sport court. Pickleball noise may become a distraction to park personnel or deterrent to community members using the facilities.

USA Pickleball cites the need to wrap pickleball facilities in Acoustifence, unsightly custom-made noise curtains. The city will likely need to install sound barriers to protect kids playing on adjacent playgrounds and limit complaints from neighbors or park goers.

Mr. O'Meara, Director of Noise Abatement for Acoustiblok Inc., was contacted for an estimate on Acoustifence at De Anza. The cost of materials to enclose the De Anza Sport Court, 90Wx180Lx15H, with Acoustifence is approximately \$100,000, not including installation. This is an investment that will need to be made at least every 15-20 years in addition to resurfacing, court lining, and replacing pickleball nets. Additionally, Acoustifence is not transparent and will prevent parents and spectators from watching youth basketball and other sports. According to Mr. O'Meara, the material used prevents air circulation and increases temperatures on the court. Crime, including the sale of drugs and graffiti, has also been reported to take place within the enclosed portions of the court that are not visible to community staff and police.

Juan Bautista De Anza is one of the few Calabasas parks with children's play structures. Families reported during public comments on 12/13/21, to the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission, that they travel from the east side of Calabasas to Juan Bautista De Anza (reportedly up to 35 mins in traffic) to use the family friendly facility. We hope that adding pickleball to this site will not interfere with these families' enjoyment of one of the few parks in their area.

Acoustifence Image:



Alternative Locations for Pickleball:

Many options for the location of pickleball courts have been presented. Pickleball can conveniently be played at any tennis court and even on basketball courts. Potential pickleball locations suggested by the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission at the 12/13/21 meeting include: the tennis courts at Gate's Canyon Park, AE Wright, Basketball/Tennis Courts at Grape Arbor Park, Creekside park, and the Agoura/Calabasas Recreation Center which is scheduled to reopen in 2022. Offering free community pickleball in such close proximity to the Agoura/Calabasas Recreation Center may detract from paid membership at said Rec Center impacting projected membership budgets.

The tennis courts at Gate's Canyon Park were observed on Saturday, 4/23/22, from 11am-2p. The tennis courts were empty and unused during that time. This location may prove to be a more appropriate and cost-effective location for pickleball.

Note, there are no alternative locations for roller hockey in Calabasas or the greater Conejo Valley.

Community Support for Roller Hockey in Calabasas:

The De Anza Sport Court is an important fixture to Calabasas and the greater Los Angeles Area. The NHL Kings and Echoes of Hope, Luc Robitaille's foundation, have expressed support for keeping hockey in Calabasas. Tri Valley Roller Hockey's Director, Ned Collins, has offered his experience and expertise to the Parks Department to assist with learning how to perform the limited maintenance needs. A retired professional hockey players and Level 5 USA Hockey Coach has expressed interest in running youth and adult roller/ball hockey programs. In addition to hockey clearly winning The City survey, dozens of Calabasas community members also submitted personal stories directly to The City to show support for roller hockey.

Summary:

De Anza Park is the only hockey facility in all the Conejo Valley. According to The City survey, roller hockey clearly remains the desired sport by the Calabasas community. The City should consider solutions that ensure all community members' interests are recognized. While there are many possible locations for pickleball, there is only one location for roller hockey. Pickleball comes with a variety of unexpected costs and negative externalities that will require mitigation.

We recommend forming a committee comprised of local hockey players and organizations to provide input into the future development of adult and youth roller/ball hockey programs. We have an amazing and unique opportunity to improve facilities, improve programming, and offer more variety in youth sports including Ball Hockey. We have formed The Calabasas Hockey Club to support and offer expertise to the Parks Department.

De Anza Park has been a home to roller hockey for over 20 years. Even without the presence of organized hockey programming, approximately 60 community members continue to play roller hockey weekly. The community is asking for hockey to be brought back and prioritized again at De Anza Park. We kindly ask the Calabasas City Council to seek solutions that allow for adult and youth hockey. We request the City Council follow the requests of the community and not approve any measure(s) that will prevent roller hockey from being played at the De Anza facility.

We are excited to see Calabasas continue to be the premier roller hockey destination in all of Los Angeles County, and we are grateful for the support from the Los Angeles Kings, Luc Robitaille's Foundation, and so many others who wish to preserve this truly valuable and unique community resource.

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Keep Hockey in Anza Park

From: ghost@ghostriders.com <ghost@ghostriders.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 11:44 AM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Keep Hockey in Anza Park

Hello City of Calabasas,

As an adult in my 40's, hockey provided a relief to work pressures and to helped keep me fit.

I have played here for 19 years. The sport gives me fun time, a group sport, competition and exercise. The group that now plays there are all ages and welcomes older guys like me. It does more than a gym membership. It is what I look forward too . It's not a 'fad sport', the rink was here long before I cam along and has had players of all ages.

Please don't take it away.

Thank you,

Louis Miraglia

Lou Miraglia

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Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Hockey > Pickleball

From: Kayleigh Raciak <raciak89@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 12:01 PM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Hockey > Pickleball

City of Calabasas,

I am writing to show my support of keeping our beloved roller hockey rink at Juan Bautista de Anza Park. I've skated at this rink for years and it would truly break my heart to see it be replaced with pickleball courts. I urge you to consider what you'd be taking away from children in our community with hockey/roller skating interests by replacing it with a fad to appease the middle aged. Plus, you will find the irritating sound of pickleball to be a problem in the future.

Please, keep the roller hockey rink.

Regards,
Kayleigh

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: PLEASE save Hockey in Calabasas

From: scott zone <scottzonemedia@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 9:54 AM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Cc: scott zone <scottzonemedia@yahoo.com>

Subject: PLEASE save Hockey in Calabasas

My Dear Calabasas,

I have lived with family in Calabasas since 1999.
I lost my house to the Woolsey fire in 2018, rebuilt and moved back
in 2021.

I wanted to briefly comment on the status of Hockey vs. Pickleball in our city.
Like many boys and girls in our community, my son Mathew grew up with the
great Hockey program we have in in Calabasas. It was a great part of his adolescence.
He had great passion for the league. He made new friends and benefited from the discipline
required to play in competitive sports. Along with other hockey parents, my wife and I enjoyed
attending his games. It was always a great community gathering.
Please, let's not lose this wonderful program that Calabasas has offered for
so many years. Our hockey program is a fine jewel in the crown that is Calabasas.

Thank You!,

Scott Zone
5444 Parkmor Road
Calabasas, CA. 91302

Jacob Graham jacobgraham97@yahoo.com

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in opposition to a proposed change in use of De Anza Bautista Park, specifically the proposed conversion of the Park's roller rink to a pickle ball court. This change would be detrimental to the community's health and welfare because it would eliminate the only designated place for roller hockey and would encourage the use of tennis courts for roller hockey in violation of Calabasas Municipal Code Section 8.24.040(F). Elimination of the roller rink would also effectively bar affordable access to the game of hockey.

Please do not destroy the community's ONLY roller hockey rink so that a narrow age group (older, retired people) can play a sport that does not actually involve pickles!

Abigail Watson abigail.watson@mac.com

Hello!!

I am writing to say please save the roller rink! There isn't any reason multiple sports can't exist at the same place! It would get a lot more usage and upkeep of multiple sports were allowed! And people might try new things! Removing the roller rink would just destroy something that causes no harm to keep!

Thank you!!

Abigail

John Suwara johsuwa@yahoo.com

Subject: August 24, 2022 City Council Meeting: Item 7 Park Projects

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments re Calabasas Parks. Sorry to be so late but only received a copy of the Powerpoint presentation on Monday.

Calabasas parks are one of the highlights of the city. When my kids and grandkids were young we always went to our local city parks. We had many happy times at the parks. It is one of the highlights of raising our family in Calabasas. Now Joanne and I are waiting for the grandkids to bless us with great grandchildren so we can go again..

An aside, these days it also appears that school grounds are now often locked. The swings, slides and other equipment are no longer readily available to the kids. The equipment at the schools were basic, but kids love playing on the simple swings, slides and monkey bars. This is to suggest that the city work with the schools to open their play grounds during the day. It helps get kids off the street.

Re Public parks:

1. DeAnza Park: Sports Court and Use:

- a. Each respondent should have been allowed to answer each question only once. Allowing multiple responses from the same person skews the result making the survey invalid.
- b. Curious, how many of the respondents were city residents?
- c. What is the estimated revenue for each sport being considered for DeAnza Park.
- d. What is the base expense for improvements and then the incremental expense for improvements by Sport.
- e. The striping for 3 sports is confusing as shown in the illustration on page 16 of the staff report. This can be simplified with one color for each sport making it easy for people playing a sport to recognize the striping for their sport on the Sport Court. For example, white for hockey, red for basketball and blue for pickleball. When younger often played on courts with different colors for different sports.
 - f. It appears that hockey causes more wear and tear on the Sports Court so fees for hockey should be higher.
 - g. Also wonder about possible injuries by sport and potential liability for the City.
- h. I read the letter from the Calabasas Hockey Club re pickle ball and wonder about all those concerns. Always thought pickle ball was a low volume sport. Never heard a lot of noise when they were playing at the Community Center Am I wrong?

2. Freedom Park.

- a. The entrance needs to be moved to allow the public to enter the park without going through the gated community to increase use of the park. If that is not acceptable the park should be closed as a public park and offered to the local homeowners for their use. They would be responsible for maintaining the park

3. Gates Canyon Park

- a. Gates Canyon is a great park for the kids. After Brandon Village was built my grandkids loved that park.
 - b. People brought their kids from surrounding communities because this park was so special.
 - c. Hard to tell from the illustration what improvements are proposed for each option.
 - d. Also do not see the shade structure and benches that provide shelter from the midday sun during picnics.
 - e. Brandon's Village as shown on page 34 looks smaller than the current version of Brandon's Village and does not include a sandpit with a kid digging tool. Only 1 tennis court is shown rather than 2 without lights or a fence.
 - f. Please make Brandon Village as special as the old version of the park.

4. Wild Walnut Park

- a. As with Brandon Village, Wild Walnut Park should be special.
- b. The Potential Amenities are excellent.

c. Park benches and shade should be added.

Thank You for your consideration.

John Suwara

PS: Consider building a couple of sand volleyball courts at a park. Plenty of room at Gates Canyon Park.

Danielle Scott-Ramirez danielle0201@gmail.com

Hello to whom it may concern,

I am emailing on behalf of the fate of the roller hockey rink at De Anza Park. This rink has been a community staple for decades and should remain as so. Many still find use in this rink and wish to continue to make memories there. After the fires that destroyed so many homes in the surrounding areas, it is important to maintain community in any ways we can. The removal of this rink will only cause devastation. I, among many others, ask you to please reconsider this removal.

Thank you.

mcgee4468@aol.com

Hello all,

I'm writing in regards to proposed use of the rink at DeAnza Park. There's been a lot of talk lately about how it should be used, who should be using it and how we might all find a way to schedule all the activities we love at the park.

I was once happy to watch hockey on TV and shout at the players from the safety of a living room or sports bar. A lock-out in 2014 changed all that, and after attending a friend's game at DeAnza I became a goalie.

But in 2018, my involvement became much more important.

I was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and required a quintuple by-pass. As I'd been skating for four years at that point, I was in great condition and able to make a quick recovery. A few short months later I was back on the rink.

As recently as this past year, my doctor said 'keep playing as long as you feel you can.' I'm now 54, and having a major heart operation hasn't held me back. Thanks to the hockey rink at DeAnza, I'm still keeping the pounds off, maintaining my agility and making my doctor and I very happy as I approach the Senior Discount age.

I hope in your considerations for the use at DeAnza Park, you'll know that the rink serves as more than just a place for hockey players to assemble and throw a puck around. It's a valuable asset to those of us who have encountered major medical conditions, and continue to keep ourselves in top shape. There aren't any other resources like DeAnza in my immediate area.

The rink is popular among a wide variety of ages and skill levels, and I'm looking forward to lending my abilities as a goalie to the forming of viable local leagues.

- Matt McGee
Westlake Village, CA

Jason Van jvanvlymen@yahoo.com

Please save hockey it saved my life and would not be a professional firefighter because of it. This incredible game kept me out of trouble and enabled me to see the world. Roller hockey does not have many rinks anymore. Hockey has been around for a hundred plus years while pickleball although a fun sport, is still considered a fad when compared to the history of hockey. Thank you Jason van Vlymen

Sent from my iPhone

Pamela Moidel pmoidel@gmail.com

Hi there,

I'm writing to you in support of keeping the hockey rink at Juan Bautista de Anza Park in Calabasas. This rink has been a central gathering place for me and my friends who enjoy playing and watching hockey, especially as there is no other nearby rink to properly and safely play at. Please consider maintaining the rink as-is for the hockey community of Calabasas.

Thank you,

Pamela Moidel

Arezu Maghsoudi arezumag@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I strongly urge you to reconsider the fate of roller hockey at De Anza park. Please save our roller rink! It is a crucial part of the community in Calabasas, and the home of roller hockey players and lovers all over! It brings joy and happiness to

so

many. Please please save roller hockey at de anza!!!!

Thank you.

Nicholas Yfantopoulos nicofantopoulos@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I was made aware that there is conversation about converting the De Anza park hockey rink into pickle ball courts. This would be a big mistake and I fully oppose this proposed change. This hockey rink has been an institution which has connected

Calabasas residents of all ages and it would be very detrimental to the community for that to go. The hockey rink needs to stay!

Best,
Nicholas Yfantopoulos
Calabasas Resident

Kia Nematpour kianematpour@gmail.com

I have heard that the City of Calabasas is trying to remove the roller and replace it with a pickle ball court. This rink is where I made tons of friends and learned tons of values. Now that most are my friends are going to school and working we don't get to see each other that often but when we all go to the play hockey it brings me back to my childhood. We all have a good time and I wish I could be there all day and night. I believe there is potential for kids just like me to come learn the great sport of hockey and make tons of lifetime friends. Some reason on why pickle ball wouldn't be the right choice for de anza is that the noise would be too loud. Furthermore there are no other roller hockey substitutes near by. There is a community that loves coming to de anza and taking this away from us will be devastating to the whole community. I please ask the city of Calabasas to rethink the decision to remove the rink. A better solution is to put a Pickleball court elsewhere in the city of Calabasas that is a little more remote to homes.

Maisy Jane maisyjw@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the hockey rink at De Anza Park and it's importance as a vital piece of the Calabasas community. This is a place that brings together many people and provides a lot of joy as a hockey rink. If the space as it is is changed, that opportunity for community and connection through the sport will be lost as we know it now and many people will not have a place to play hockey in the area Please do not take the hockey rink away.

Thank you!
Maisy Wildermuth

Alexander Haug alexanderhaug99@gmail.com

PLEASE SAVE THE RINK!!

Bruce Loria bruce.loria@yahoo.com

Pickleball Yes!!!!

Andrew Crane wacrane4@gmail.com

Hello,

My name is Andrew Crane and i am a resident of nearby Agoura Hills. The news that the city of Calabasas is considering removing roller hockey from De Anza Park saddens me greatly. I've skated there for years with friends, family, and complete strangers, who have often become my friends. Having roller hockey in calabastas offers a unique and powerful opportunity to men, women and children alike. it's a chance for people to either learn a great new sport, or a chance for them to continue playing the sport they've always loved. I beg you to reconsider removing hockey from De Anza park.

Also, for what it's worth, I would be more than willing to pay \$200 per season at De Anza park, and i'm confused as to why the city would not run the league themselves, and collect the money from the league fees to use towards upkeep or future projects unrelated to hockey.

Sincerely,

Andrew Crane
(661) 505-3670

Sent from my iPhone

Joanne Suwara joasuw42@gmail.com

To: The Calabasas City Council

From: Joanne Suwara

Re: Item #7 Direction and funding for 4 park projects

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

With regard to De Anza Park:

The data gathered from the survey is questionable. If respondents are allowed to respond every 24 hours during the life of the survey any particular special interest can gather their troops and tip the scales in their favor. Does the survey adequately represent the residents' opinions?

I noted the 9-page attachment from the Calabasas Hockey Club where they tout percentages favorable to them however the results cannot be taken at face value. We do not know how many are repeat votes and how many are non-residents weighing in.

That being said I think a new survey with tight parameters should be taken so you can have a true picture of residents' preferences and interests.

I would also hope that if an organization the size of the Tri Valley Roller Hockey League is using Calabasas facilities they will be paying sufficient facility use fees for the privilege and to cover wear and tear, maintenance, etc.

With regard to Freedom Park:

Since it is part of a gated community and the entry gate closes at sunset it is less accessible than other parks in Calabasas. Hopefully the HOA will bear the lion's share of the expenses or perhaps renovations can be scaled down so that City funding is not necessary.

With regard to Gates Canyon Park:

Brandon's Village is unique in that it is a fully-accessible recreation area for all. I support any partnerships that will reduce the fiscal impact on the City.

With regard to Wild Walnut Park:

The location is perfect, the plans have been revised and are ready for approval. It has been a long time coming and I fully support completion in a timely manner.

In closing, I can't help but think that there is more money "out there" for projects like these. The City should seriously consider hiring a grant writer. One or two successful grant applications will pay for the new employee and the rest will be gravy!

Thank you.

Joanne Suwara

Good morning!

I would like to advocate my "vote" to **SHARE THE RINK!!!**

My nephew has been playing roller hockey there for years and it is such an amazing place. No reason to take the rink away when it can be SHARED by many sports.

Pickleball can be played on ANY court with a net, (inside or out) but roller hockey needs a rink. There are probably hundreds of courts around to play Pickleball, but how many hockey rinks are there? It's pretty simple and logical to KEEP THE RINK and let the Pickle ballers share it.

SHARE THE RINK!

Thank you for listening.

Debra Cohen

Maricela Hernandez

From: Gavin L <linderman.gavin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 2:42 PM
To: James Bozajian - External; Mary Sue Maurer; Peter Kraut; David Shapiro; Alicia Weintraub; info
Cc: Maricela Hernandez; Bob Burris; Todd Chayet; Francisco Rivera
Subject: Re: Council Packet Submission for August 24th City Council Meeting
Attachments: Letter to Calabasas City Council.pdf; PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE CC 8_2022.pdf

Dear City Council Members,

The Calabasas Hockey Club has prepared a response to the Park Department's PowerPoint presentation scheduled as Item 7 Staff Report, "Attachment A – *Park Projects and Funding PowerPoint Presentation*", issued for the August 24th 2022 Council meeting. Attachment A appears biased, inaccurate, and untimely submitted—without giving the Council or the public adequate time to consider or respond to it.

The attached letter provides critical feedback regarding the Community Survey, estimated revenue generated from a Calabasas city run hockey league, as well as, practical solutions to all of the "cons" listed in "Option 3", Basketball/Hockey/Pickleball.

For reference, we have also attached the "Park Projects and Funding PowerPoint Presentation."

I would be happy to make myself available to answer any questions regarding our response to the PowerPoint or the De Anza Sport Court Council Packet PDF submitted last week. We hope to work with the City and Parks Department to find a solution that satisfies all members of the community.

Thank you,

Gavin Linderman
209.815.0337

On Aug 18, 2022, at 7:41 PM, Gavin L <linderman.gavin@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council Members,

Attached is a submission from The Calabasas Hockey Club regarding the De Anza Sport Court. Please include this document in the Council Packet at the upcoming City Council meeting on August 24th. We hope this document aids in the discussions regarding the future usage of the court. In the meantime, we want to thank members of City Council who have come out to observe our pickup games with upwards of 60 participants each week. The Calabasas Hockey Club is well educated on this matter, and have reviewed and researched several solutions that will keep hockey at the De Anza Court and provide a multi-sport facility.

Thank you in advance for reviewing this submission. We look forward to participating in the upcoming discussion.

Best,

Gavin Linderman
209.815.0337

<De Anza Sport Court Council Packet.pdf>

August 23, 2022

To the Calabasas City Council,

The Calabasas Hockey Club offers the following additional insight and clarification to the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Department's (the "Department") Item 7 Staff Report, "Attachment A – Park Projects and Funding PowerPoint Presentation", issued for the August 24th 2022 Council meeting. Attachment A appears biased, inaccurate, and untimely submitted—without giving the Council or the public adequate time to consider or respond to it.

Attachment A was Untimely Submitted

This Staff Report, which is dated August 14, 2022, was supposed to be made available to the public by August 19th 2022. See <https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/2796/17> ("*Attachment A – Park Projects and Funding PowerPoint Presentation (Available on Friday, August 19, 2022).*"). However, Attachment A was only made available after a request was made to the City Clerk on the morning of Monday, August 22. As of the close of business on August 22, Attachment A was still not posted to the City's Agenda.

It is not clear why Attachment A was not posted to the City's website along with the other Agenda Item 7 documents, especially since Attachment A contains the substance of the Department's analysis of the hockey rink versus potential pickleball courts at De Anza Park. In any event, the omission of Attachment A from the City's website leaves inadequate time for members of the public to review it before the August 24 meeting.

Attachment A is Biased Against Skating and Toward Pickleball/Basketball

The role of the Parks and Recreation Department—as well as the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission—should be to present unbiased information for the Council's evaluation. The submission "Attachment A" is inherently biased towards a pickleball/basketball resolution.

First, the PowerPoint's discussion of the Community Survey inappropriately focuses initially on how many respondents would "NEVER use the court for Roller Hockey"—even though this number is comparatively lower than respondents who would "NEVER use the court for Pickleball." We believe an accurate side-by-side comparison is omitted in an effort to sway Council Members in favor of pickleball.

Second, the Department states that the "survey could be taken more than once after 24 hours," apparently suggesting the results may be skewed in favor of hockey. But the Department cites no evidence to support the suggestion that the survey was ever submitted multiple times by a single respondent—whether one in support of hockey or

pickleball. The Council should disregard the Department's effort to diminish the results of the objective that shows hockey is the more sought-after sport. The fact that the community feedback challenges the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission's motion passed in February 2022 is not a legitimate reason for the Department to cast doubt on the integrity of survey.

Third, the Parks Department added information about how many survey respondents live outside of Calabasas in an apparent attempt to further discredit the survey results. Juan Bautista De Anza Park is a public park open to all community members. (The park's address, 3701 Los Hills Road, is actually shown as an address in Agoura Hills, zip code 90301, not in Calabasas itself.) Community members living outside of Calabasas contribute to the Calabasas economy through league fees and local consumerism. Attracting people from the surrounding community only benefits the City and local businesses.

Fourth, the Department's first option presented, "Option 1", is Basketball/Pickleball, even though community feedback from the survey clearly favors hockey over pickleball. Thus the first option presented should have been hockey.

Fifth, Attachment A states there is a "revenue opportunity for pickleball" without any evidence to support this. In fact, pickleball facilities in the surrounding area fail to generate expected revenue for their respective city. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) was contacted on August 22nd 2022 for information on revenue generated from their 10 pickleball courts. The main office stated there is *no revenue generated from pickleball*. In fact, the RSRPD attempted to run a pickleball league which has since closed. All 10 of the courts are now free to play on. The Department presented no evidence of any pickleball court generating any amount of revenue. In contrast, substantial fees are common if not universal in every organized roller hockey league.

Sixth, the Department's "Option 1" fails to include the obvious cons of including pickleball such as: noise nuisance, impacted parking during peak hours, reduction in membership at the Agoura Calabasas Recreation Center, and cost for noise abatement using Acoustifence. Concerns regarding potential noise complaints and even potential litigation from pickleball were raised with the Department in public comments made during its April 11, 2022 meeting, yet the Department does not mention noise as a con of pickleball. In fact, noise abatement sound curtains are left completely out of the proposed pickleball costs and are common installments at pickleball courts. Acoustifence noise abatement curtains for the De Anza Court is estimated at approximately \$100,000.

Seventh, in discussing "Option 2," to keep Basketball/Roller Hockey, the Department fails to share the substantial revenue that was historically generated by TVRHL. The

league charged \$220/player, \$175 per goalie, and \$20 per spot in a pickup game. Sunday nights hosted 4 games, each game generating \$475 in revenue. The league generated \$1900 every Sunday. In addition, Tuesday and Thursday nights each generated \$800/night in player fees. There were also additional youth opportunities throughout the week. In total, we estimate that TVRHL consistently earned a minimum of \$200,000 per year in revenue. If the Park Department operated the leagues, then the revenue would not only support court upgrades for all 3 sports, but would offer addition funds for a general fund.

Eighth, the third option, "Option 3," is the most inclusive and allows for basketball, pickleball and hockey. This option serves a larger community and enhances the variety of sports offered through Calabasas. The Departments discussion of this option is misleading. The "cons" listed are all easily mitigated:

Concern: Confusing Court Striping

Solution: Roller Hockey does not require lining. The prior Director of TVRHL, Ned Collins, confirmed this with Ms. Aimee Haber.

Concern: Competing Court Times

Solution: The court is currently scheduled for basketball, hockey, and open use. Replacing open use time with pickleball does not conflict with current programs.

Concern: Conflicting Court Surfacing

Solution: The City's vendor, Taylor Tennis, informed a source that they offer a surface with the right specs for all three sports. Taylor Tennis should be contacted for a quote or statement.

Concern: Higher Resurfacing Costs

Solution: According to the Parks, Recreation and Education Commission meeting on February 24th 2022 stated that resurfacing is part of the existing budget. It can also be paid for through the projected revenue from hockey.

Concern: Staff Costs to Oversee Court Use and Equipment Needs

Solution: Staff are already on-site overseeing the court usage. There are no additional personnel required to oversee the schedule.

Concern: Cost for Onsite Storage Needed for Equipment

Solution: TVRHL donated a storage shed to the park for continued storage of hockey equipment. In June 2022 the park required TVRHL to remove the shed. Any additional cost for onsite storage is the result of the park intentionally removing the hockey storage shed.

Budget for all 3 sports:

The proposed budget for all 3 sports has misleading costs associated with hockey, including:

1. **Replacing the board system:** Estimated cost in Attachment A, \$160,000. On 2/24/22 Mr. Haber stated she had a quote for \$120,000. Ms. Haber's email is below:

“1/12/22 Spoke with Caroline at Pacific Tennis

Courts caroline@pacifictenniscourts.com

Referred to City of El Segundo project - removed and replaced panels, resurfaced and painted lines on existing court

Cost of project was \$120,000. From description, no less than \$100,000. Pacific Courts can handle entirety of project including basketball and pickleball courts”

2. **Demolition the board system:** This cost is included in the \$160,000 and estimated at \$19,000 in Attachment A; however, Ms. Haber previously stated on 2/24/22 that this could “potentially be something we look to our staff to do.” Also, as indicated above, Ms. Haber received an estimate from Pacific Courts that included the demo for \$120,000.
3. **Scoreboard:** The PPT estimates \$7500 for a scoreboard; however, TVRHL offered the scoreboard to Ms. Haber who declined the scoreboard and required Mr. Collins remove the scoreboard from the park in June 2022. It has since been donated elsewhere.
4. **Commercial Grade Hockey Nets:** Estimated cost \$2000. There is no reason to replace the existing professional goals that were donated by TVRHL.
5. **Storage:** Estimated cost \$1800 per year. Mr. Collins offered to donate the hockey shed to the park, however, in June 2022 Ms. Haber required Mr. Collins remove the shed from the property. It has since been donated elsewhere.

Total unnecessary cost: 40k (new boards) + 7.5k (scoreboard) + 2k (goals) + 1.8k (storage) + 30k (if resurfacing is included in the quote from Pacific Courts) = **\$51,300 to \$81,300**

Ninth, and perhaps most importantly, the Department understates the “Loss of only lighted hockey court in west SF Valley.” In fact, the rink at De Anza Park is the only lighted hockey rink close to Calabasas in any direction. There are no lighted rinks in Malibu, Oak Park, or other nearby areas. The closest lighted rinks are in Burbank and Camarillo. The loss of this rink would effectively mean the loss of hockey as a form of recreation for many residents of Calabasas and surrounding areas. Pickleball courts, on the other hand, are plentiful in Calabasas and throughout the West San Fernando Valley. Pickleball is also expected to be brought back to the Agoura Calabasas Rec Center when they reopen.

In addition to hockey, roller-skating is becoming increasingly popular and dedicated facilities are scarce and in high demand. See <https://lookout.co/santacruz/coast-life/story/2022-05-17/as-roller-skating-picks-up-speed-finding-dependable-spaces-no-easy-trick-for-santa-cruz-skaters>. Additional revenue could be derived from skate nights and roller skate rentals, as was proven this past July during an event at De Anza Park. People of all ages and genders enjoy skating at the Park and the rink should be preserved.

The City Council should not let the Parks Department’s biased presentation interfere with the Council’s ability to make an informed and neutral decision. Bias alone, either actual or an unacceptable probability of it, on the part of a municipal decisionmaker sitting in an adjudicatory capacity is enough to show a violation of the due process right to fair procedure (*Woody's Group, Inc. v. City of Newport Beach*, 233 Cal.App.4th 1012, 1021-1022 (2015) (“[W]hen functioning in such an adjudicatory capacity, the city council must be ‘neutral and unbiased.’ ... Thus bias—either actual or an ‘unacceptable probability’ of it—alone is enough on the part of a municipal decision maker is to show a violation of the due process right to fair procedure.”). The law does not require the disappointed applicant to prove actual bias on the part of a city adjudicatory body; rather there must not be an unacceptable probability of actual bias on the part of the municipal decision maker (*Id.*). Allowing a biased decision maker to participate in the city's zoning decision is enough to invalidate the decision (*Petrovich Development Company, LLC v. City of Sacramento*, 48 Cal.App.5th 963, 965-966 (2020) (“when they act in a quasi-judicial capacity as adjudicators of matters on appeal from an administrative body. . . .[,] ... council members must be neutral and unbiased.”).

We request a decision on this matter be postponed until the Council can meet with a committee of local hockey players and organizations for their feedback. We welcome any questions and would appreciate the time to meet to discuss this important issue.

Respectfully,

Gavin Linderman
Calabasas Hockey Club

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Parks Presentation

From: Lee Weissmann <leeweissmann@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:05:30 PM

To: Erica Green <egreen@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Re: Parks Presentation

Hi Erica,

Thanks for sending this over. The new amenities look great for the park. However some concerns arose in our internal conversations about the pending plans and learning about this week's park proposal on the council agenda from you.

We have three park-related concerns, one concern over the level of adherence to past commitments at Stelle, and a concern related to current and potential future traffic/public safety concerns.

1) Reconsideration of entry on Mulholland: In speaking with our fellow homeowners, our community has grown reluctant to support the entrance change. I realize I was the one to suggest the access point change given the security access issue. And, that in many ways it continues to make sense given the fact that plans to lease the park were scuttled due the LA County clawback issue. However, many also believe that the access to the park directly after school could create a nuisance situation with trash left by students, the potential for kids who are unsupervised, the risk for property damage, and the park lending itself to kids doing illicit things like vaping when out of the supervision of adults - especially with the new fencing. Parents picking up their kids are essentially getaway drivers in potential scenarios. 99.9% of kids are great. I have a son attending Stelle. But, when a large group gathering is possible, messes and bad actors can emerge. We also believe that the park could become more at risk to have unhoused members of the community use the park as a safe haven given that near the city boundary, there is a long history of illegal encampments veiled by brush. Lastly on this aspect, there is a concern that we're losing some of the visual beauty the park provides our community should we fence it - and we are being asked to pay for that to happen.

2) If the city moves forward, we still have not seen any mock-ups of any proposed fencing or gating design, policies for park usage, security operation plans, plans for usage hours. We would like to see a proposed construction and operational plan for Freedom Park before finalizing an agreement to fully support the plan. We'd like to be unified with the City in a plan and we'll do everything we can to be a good partner.

3) Amenities: I think there has been an expectation that we'd have more of a seat at the table on amenities as well. The last time we met I believe you and Kindon committed to sharing ideas for potential amenities after you ran certain things by council-members. We understood from an order of operations stand-point, and reserved comment until hearing from you. And, I think we left with the belief that our input would be part of the process. Since we are being asked to contribute to the costs of the renovation of the park (an amount that has still yet to be discussed - but is being relied upon), and since this park has been a gathering place for our community over the last 40 years, we believe that more meetings on options for amenities would be consistent with the way the City and our community have traditionally communicated.

Other Items:

I think we also want to negotiate a couple of more riders into this dialogue - issues of safety and potential nuisance:

1) I think we need to revisit AC Stelle's field usage on Sundays. Particularly the fields adjacent to our community. Our ask here would be to re-examine hours of operation and to have prior commitments preceding your tenure enforced by Secural.

2) Traffic issues on Mulholland: I think we need to revisit our concerns about the lack of a U-Turn deterrent on Mulholland coming out of Gelson's. We made a few complaints on this to Robert Yalda and he was going to look into this. We had a 21 year-old resident in our community have a serious injury from someone who was turning left out of the Gelson's lot. And, we (me included) have had near misses from people recklessly making u-turns at Freedom and Mulholland. We recently had a vehicle veer across lanes and drive into our boundary wall and we're still attempting to chase down reimbursement of \$4,000 from the at-fault driver's insurance. With a revamped park coming online, this creates a need to do a better job monitoring and preventing traffic issues. As I first pondered these incidents, they don't relate to the park. However, in actuality, they certainly can. More traffic could create more potential for incidents. People doing events at the park, would likely use Gelson's to purchase food items for such events etc. So, our ask here is to restrict u-turn access on Mulholland near Freedom.

I realize that Freedom Park expenses are being packaged to obtain the overall parks renovation budget. And, that helps to get new amenities into Freedom Park. But, my overall concern is that the train will leave the station and we will lose our chance to give input on pretty significant aspects of this redesign.

Can we schedule some time with our group prior to Wednesday to touch base on the latest here please?

Thanks,

Lee

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Freedom Park

From: Tracy Credle <tracycredle@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 4:04 PM

To: James Bozajian - External <jrbozajian@earthlink.net>; Mary Sue Maurer <mmaurer@cityofcalabasas.com>; Peter Kraut <pkraut@cityofcalabasas.com>; David Shapiro <dshapiro@cityofcalabasas.com>; Alicia Weintraub <aweintraub@cityofcalabasas.com>; info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Freedom Park

Dear Calabasas City Council Members,

My name is Tracy Credle. I am a long time Calabasas resident and have lived in the Braewood community for over 10+ years. I am also a parent of 3 children in the LVUSD, with students at Chaparral, AC Stelle and Calabasas High School. I am writing to express my concerns and opinions with the proposed plan laid out by City of Calabasas for Freedom Park. The information I saw has little to no detailed operational plan or an impact report. The proposed new access gate invites a host of issues; factors I am unsure the city has considered?

First and foremost, public safety! Security/supervision at the park is essential. Given it's immediate proximity to the middle school, the new proposed entry access on the corner of Paul Revere & Mulholland Hwy, will most certainly be a place students will funnel into after school. Much like the issues at Gelson's, this has the potential for loitering, trash and unsupervised gathering. If the park was to be "fenced it" it would become even more secluded. The additional potential for crime or vagrants is also a serious concern. Public safety must be considered!

Traffic is already significant problem in this area! Illegal u-turns, double parking, blocked turn lanes/driveways and jay-walking is occurring daily, especially during the school year. Parents already use this area to meet their child for drop-off and pick-up causing immense traffic and safety issues. An entry point to park on Mulholland Hwy will surely increase this problem.

Impact on wild-life and surrounding lands. The land surrounding the park is labeled as a "Sensitive Habitat Area". It seems as though the new access point will encroach on this protected area.

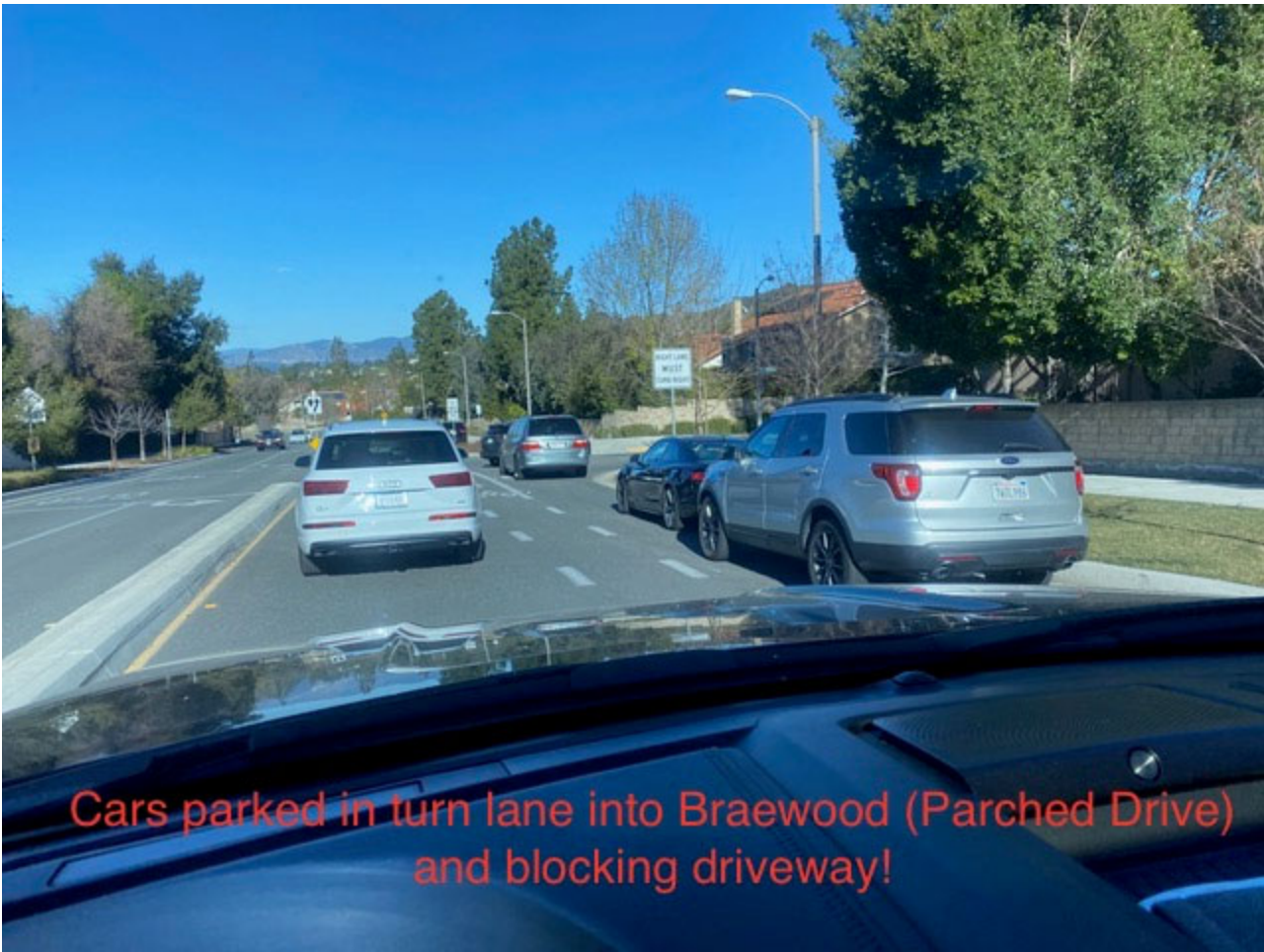
Freedom Park has always been a small, family friendly and welcoming place for kids to play. Often I see Mommy and Me, Girl Scouts and school aged kids utilizing the park. I understand this is a unique situation given the park's location, but I truly feel the changes suggested are not the right fit for this environment. I know many other Braewood homeowners feel the same as I do. I hope the council will consider other options or simply leave the park as it has been for almost 20 years.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Kind regards,

Tracy Credle
818.849.0065

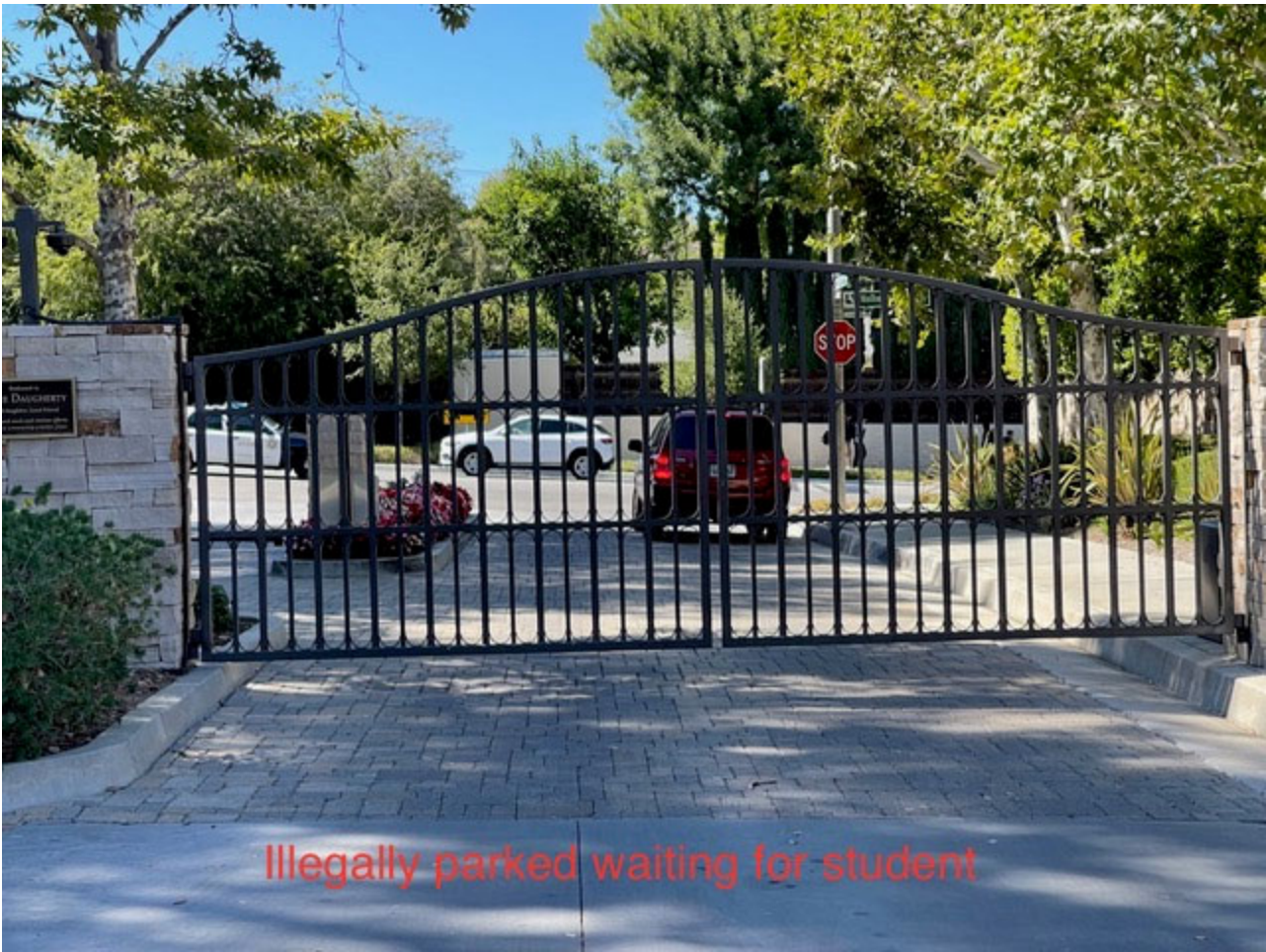




Cars parked in turn lane into Braewood (Parched Drive) and blocking driveway!



Cars parked in turn lane into Braewood and parked in driveway leading into community.



Illegally parked waiting for student

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Opposition to Proposed Change to De Anza Park

From: Jacob Graham <jacobgraham97@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 4:15 PM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Change to De Anza Park

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in opposition to a proposed change in use of De Anza Bautista Park, specifically the proposed conversion of the Park's roller rink to a pickle ball court. This change would be detrimental to the community's health and welfare because it would eliminate the only designated place for roller hockey and would encourage the use of tennis courts for roller hockey in violation of Calabasas Municipal Code Section 8.24.040(F). Elimination of the roller rink would also effectively bar affordable access to the game of hockey.

Please do not destroy the community's ONLY roller hockey rink so that a narrow age group (older, retired people) can play a sport that does not actually involve pickles!

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Save the Rink

-----Original Message-----

From: Brandon Disch <disch.brandon@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 4:16 PM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Save the Rink

Hello,

Please consider saving the rink from being replaced, it is a very important space to the local community. I know it will be a topic at the city council meeting tomorrow.

Regards,
Brandon

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Roller hockey

-----Original Message-----

From: Nick Mcdonld <nickmcdonald123@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 1:19 PM
To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: Roller hockey

Hello,

I've recently learned that there is a movement in favor of pickle ball to take the place of our beloved roller hockey rink at De Anza park. I would happily sign any petition you put forth to stop this. Roller hockey has been such a big part of this community for years and with no other rinks for tens of miles and miles it has become a staple for this wanting to play hockey to congregate. I've been playing hockey there for 20 years and plan to have my kids learn to play there. To see this removed for a sport that has plenty of sites already around our community would be a massive mistake. Hockey needs to remain in this community. Please consider this.

Regards,

Nick McDonald

We hope you don't shut down the hockey rink. Many kids will suffer and have no place to play resulting taking the game to the streets where it's unsafe. Hockey has many disciplines that translate into a real world scenario. Hockey instills discipline, dedication, team play, honor, hard work ethic and respect for your opponent. Hockey is not just a sport but a way of life. Shutting down the rink would be denying youth development that could transform one to become a better version of themselves.

Kind regards,

Steven,

Steven Reyes
R&R Productions
Production Experience
Create | Inspire | Impact

To whom it may concern-

Please save roller hockey. It would be a shame to have this sport become extinct in the area. I know that many people would like pickleball to come to the park but, there are many easy ways to keep all 3 sports at the park. If you put sportcourt down, there are outside available options, you can keep all 3 sports without giving up on roller hockey.

Nikita Behm

Domino's Pizza Franchisee
COE, LLC & TLB Inc.
26500 Agoura Rd. Ste. 102-149 Calabasas, CA 91302
| Cell. 818.857.6163 | Email: Nikita@teamcoe.com |

Hello!

My name is Adrianna and I have been going to this HOCKEY rink since I was a little kid for games and tournaments. Pickle ball can be played anywhere, this rink is so important to the youth in the area and surrounding areas. They have already been cheated out of so much since Covid, I can only imagine what taking this rink away from them will do. It is a shame you all are even thinking about taking it away. I'm from Santa Barbara and drive down to go support them when I can. We have an outdoor roller rink just like this one and we play tournaments in the past with them too. Please reconsider and save this rink! It is a true treasure that should not be taken away.

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Hockey 🏒 Rink

From: Adam Ghodsi <adamghodsi@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 12:51 PM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Hockey 🏒 Rink

I've been playing hockey at De Anza since the rink opened up . Playing at the rink helps me cope with my depression and mental health issues I've been fighting my entire life.. It's not just a game its my therapy and allows me to able to go to work and contribute to society as a citizen..I can't imagine the rink being torn down to accommodate pickle ball players only!! We must find a medium to a accommodate all three sports 🏀 🏒 and pickle ball!!!
Thanks you for taking the time to listen to me and dozens more like myself!!!

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Freedom Park

-----Original Message-----

From: jennifer bott <JenniferBott@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 10:22 AM

To: James Bozajian - External <jrbozajian@earthlink.net>; Mary Sue Maurer <mmaurer@cityofcalabasas.com>; Peter Kraut <pkraut@cityofcalabasas.com>; David Shapiro <dshapiro@cityofcalabasas.com>; Alicia Weintraub <aweintraub@cityofcalabasas.com>; info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Freedom Park

Dear Calabasas City Council,

I'm writing to express my concern regarding the proposed access changes to Freedom Park.

I believe that creating a dedicated park entrance off of Mulholland Highway would create a nuance, drawing teens and others looking to congregate unsupervised.

Moreover, establishing a single entry & exit is extremely ill-conceived, given the park's relative isolation, tree canopy, and our ongoing drought conditions.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Jennifer Bott

Sent from JB 323•828•0847

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Safety concerns re: Freedom Park Entry

From: Michelle Reynolds Lowe <michellereynoldslowe@mac.com>

Date: August 23, 2022 at 9:54:04 AM PDT

To: Alicia Weintraub <aweintraub@cityofcalabasas.com>, leeweissmann@gmail.com

Subject: Safety concerns re: Freedom Park Entry

Dear City of Calabasas,

We are homeowners at 22250 Parched Drive. We have lived here for 13 years and our four children have been/are students at AC Stelle Middle School.

I am writing to express our concern about the proposed new access point to Freedom Park. We want to insure that ASC is secure from students leaving campus, and unwanted individuals trying to enter.

The map posted online, it looks like it will make it much easier for ASC students to access the park and skip their classes during school time.

This has already been a problem, but in the past when I found students at the park, I could tell them that the Braewood Gates have cameras, and they better go back to school, or I can have the camera footage sent to the principal. That deterrent usually worked. This new entry/exit proposal, would not have such a deterrent.

Another issue is that the land between ACS and Freedom Park is full of rattlesnakes. Students tempted to reach the decomposed granite path, for park access, could be in harms way.

We are even more concerned that with greater access to the park, and the new path proposal, unwanted, unknown individuals could access ACS campus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle and Mike Lowe

From: dottysc@aol.com
To: [Maricela Hernandez](#)
Subject: Mari - pls. distribute to the 5 Council members.
Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 5:16:06 PM

Thank you, Dotty Corcoran

Dear Council member:

Please vote "YES" to finalize the construction on Wild Walnut Park for kids and pets. It's time.

Thank you.

Dotty Corcoran
22407 De Kalb Drive
Calabasas

From: [Michael Russo](#)
To: [Kindon Meik](#); [Matthew Summers](#); [Maricela Hernandez](#); [Erica Green](#)
Subject: FW: City Council 8-24-22 meeting – agenda item #7 – Public comments
Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:50:07 PM

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From: Joe Chilco <joe.chilco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 4:46 PM
To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>
Cc: Maricela Hernandez <mhernandez@cityofcalabasas.com>
Subject: City Council 8-24-22 meeting – agenda item #7 – Public comments

Mayor Maurer and City Council Members,

With regard to agenda item #7, please consider the following comments and questions.

With regard to each park:

How often will these costs recur?

If amortized over the useful life of the equipment/resurfacing, what is the cost of improvements?

“Cons” comments expressed as “higher maintenance costs” don’t give a clear indication of how much higher. It’s a relative term.

A breakdown of maintenance costs and information on the expected useful life would be helpful.

With regard to DeAnza Park:

The options are shown as combinations. Can they be broken out to show the costs related to

each sport individually?

Gates Canyon has basketball courts. AHCCC has basketball courts when it is reopened.

Gates Canyon has tennis courts. Can they also be striped/used for pickleball?

DeAnza Park is the only lighted roller hockey facility in WF Valley.

Revenues from the use of the roller hockey rink should be considered. If the facility is being used by non-residents, then the City and its residents should receive something in exchange.

The PowerPoint Presentation acknowledges that the DeAnza Park use survey could be filled out more than once after 24 hours.

It is noted that 37% of respondents were non-residents. Were they all in favor of roller hockey or pickleball? What is the breakdown of support for either?

Why was the survey set up to allow voting more than once?

Do you have accurate data on how many votes were duplicates?

With regard to Freedom Park, I didn't know it existed. Is it available to all Calabasas residents?

How much of the budgeted costs covered by funding sources other than the City has the City currently received "in hand"?

I ask that you look into my questions and that you vote to keep roller hockey at DeAnza Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Chilco
Calabasas resident
(address on file)

Sharon Haley sharonhaleyzone@gmail.com

I'm disheartened that Calabasas is considering ridding the city of our hockey community. It's not just a rink at risk. Hockey has been part of our city for decades - enjoyed by players and fans of all ages and genders. If the hockey community can no longer use the DeAnza rink, the community is effectively dissolved. There are no nearby alternatives. That would be a very sad outcome.

Re pickleball: I'd never heard of it before this conflict. Most people I mention it to have never heard of it. I've never spoken to anyone who has played or watched a game. Is it a flash-in-the-pan? Will it be the 'in' thing for a while in our society writ large, then fade away? That would make the loss of the long-term hockey community even more tragic. And it would transform a very valuable and well-loved community resource (hockey & basketball court) into an unused, irrelevant space (empty pickleball court). Not a good look for Calabasas.

Sincerely,
Sharon Haley

Ali DiBernardo adibernardo88@gmail.com

Dear City of Calabasas,

I have played roller hockey at De Anza Park many times and have always had such enjoyable and memorable experiences! I cannot fathom what the park would be like without the hockey rink! This hockey rink has been a place where we can play multiple nights of the week in a league or just have a friendly pick-up game. To see all that go away for some pickleball trend seems a little far-fetched and honestly, is a slap in the face to all the loyal hockey players that this rink has housed for years! I implore you to please reconsider completely changing our hockey rink into an exclusive pickleball court that will only serve one purpose, and maybe instead, consider a different location for pickleball play or figuring out a way to incorporate it into tennis courts, since that is the closest sport to pickleball. Thank you very much for your consideration and I hope to continue to play on our beloved hockey rink for years to come with my family and friends!

Best regards,
Ali DiBernardo
Agoura Hills

Jeffrey Tufaro
jeffreytufaro@gmail.com
323.895.4545 C

I'm writing this email in an urgent appeal to keep and integrate the hockey rink into any plans for the De Anze park.

Removing/destroying a hockey rink that the community uses seems counter productive to nurturing and providing community synergy. There's a way where all sports can be accommodated, rather than taking something away from men, women and children in the area.

There is no other rink that is as good in the Calabasas area, that has lights to play at night. It's a true fact and hockey is a sport that is growing and continues to grow throughout southern California.

I sincerely hope that the council considers all of the information and does not appea; to one side, or the other, but rather finds a happy medium for everyone to be satisfied moving forward. All parties weight should be carried equally.

Should a roller hockey league be brought in once more, additional compensation would be gained for the city, which seems like a win for everyone.

I've played at the rink since 2015, and really don't want to see it go away and want myself and my children to have the opportunity to play well into the future.

Thank you
-Jeff

Marcin Madix marcinj.com@me.com

Dear City of Calabasas,

I am reaching out to briefly request that the Sport Court facility at De Anza Park in Calabasas maintain its ability to support hockey as a sport offering. Hockey is a very important sport in the surrounding areas. Many of us in the community would like to continue to use the facility for skating sports such as hockey and other roller skating activities.

Please do not demolish the rink and the boards at the park. This is a unique offering in the area. This structure has served us well for 25 years and I would like to see it continue to serve us well into the future functioning as an all inclusive facility. We can host many sporting activities at De Anza, hockey, pickle ball, and basketball included.

Please find a way to support all the sports.

Regards,

Marcin J

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Save Roller Hockey at De Anza

From: Matt Zone <mattrzone@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 3:08 PM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Save Roller Hockey at De Anza

To whom it may concern,

I've been a resident of Calabasas since 1999. My personal experience with the rink at De Anza Park began when I was a freshman in high school taking Learn-to-Skate lessons with Ned Collins among toddlers. Although it was a little embarrassing at first, that class changed my life and introduced me to my greatest passion - the sport of hockey. In my first few years of playing in the TVRHL, I formed life-long bonds with peers of various ages, genders and backgrounds and developed my skills enough to earn a spot on the San Francisco State University ice hockey team - ultimately elected as club president.

This was all made possible thanks to the rare accessibility to the sport whose more well-known counterpart - ice hockey - requires a significantly higher financial investment.

When my childhood home burned down in the Woolsey fire of 2018 I continued to utilize the rink as a safe space to clear my thoughts and play the game I love and I continue to use it to this day - less frequently than I would prefer due to the nets being locked up 6 out of the 7 days of the week (they used to always be available).

Sincerely,
Matt Zone

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Save De Anza Hockey Rink

From: Kate Eplboim <kateepboim@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 4:13 PM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Save De Anza Hockey Rink

Hello,

My name is Kate Eplboim and I'm writing in support of keeping the hockey rink at Juan Bautista De Anza Park.

The people who live in and around Calabasas have had an immensely challenging few years. Between the Woolsey Fire and the pandemic, it can be nice to know that some things don't change, especially those things we have come to rely on. For local hockey players, that rink means a lot. It's become a kind of sacred place where people can come together, make friends, and forget their daily frustrations for a couple hours.

As council members, you're tasked with evaluating the facts and weighing the options for whatever issue winds up on the docket for that day. Today, it's a hockey rink for you. But for its supporters, the loss of that rink is another blow, another loss to community members looking for some stability.

You have to ask yourself, if it was just a rink to the people of Calabasas, then why has this seemingly simple city council agenda item been fought every step of the way? Why have so many people come forward in support of the rink, people who have never been involved in local politics? Pickleball can wait. Vote with the people. They need it.

All the best,
Kate

Maricela Hernandez

Subject: FW: Juan Bautista de Anza Park Roller Hockey

From: Rachel Countryman <rscountryman@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 4:44 PM

To: info <info@cityofcalabasas.com>

Subject: Juan Bautista de Anza Park Roller Hockey

Hello,

My name is Rachel, and I'm writing to voice my opposition to the construction of pickleball court at Juan Bautista de Anza Park. I spent many hours of my childhood there watching hockey games, and have had many friends and family members play themselves. I know first hand how important the rink is to the community.

I recognize that pickleball is growing in popularity as a sport, however the average age of a pickleball player should be noted - [38.1 years old](#) according to the USA Pickleball association. Considering that there are pickleball courts available at the community center, what is the benefit of removing a space for a sport popular with younger people? Do we not want a place for our children to be active, to socialize, and to feel like a part of their community?

If the hockey rink is replaced by a pickleball facility, you are sending a clear message to the youth of Calabasas: We don't care about you and we don't want you in our parks. I urge the council to consider people of all ages that they were elected to represent.

Thank you,
Rachel Countryman