

Recipient: Jack Matthews, Rick Bonilla, Papia Gambelin, Carole Groom, Dave Pine, Don Horsley, Adrienne J. Tissier, Mayor Robert Ross, Deputy Mayor Maureen Freschet, Joe Goethals, David Lim, J. Christopher Massey, Joshua Hugg, Charlie Drechsler, Dianne Whitaker, Sherrie Gong Taguchi, Clifford S. Robbins, Stan Watkins, Sean Williams, Ron Munekawa, Sheila Canzian, Warren Slocumb, Tricia Schimpp, and State Sen. Jerry Hill

Letter: Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: San Mateo City Council and Planning Commission.

Save the San Mateo Ice Center; we need more ice time, not more chain stores

The San Mateo Ice Center is the best, if not only, opportunity for San Mateo area parents and children to have access to an ice rink. Without the rink, we and our kids will no longer be able to play hockey, figure skate, attend public skate sessions, hold birthday parties, participate in laser skate nights, play broomball, and attend summer camp on the ice.

Not even a year ago, the San Mateo Daily Journal wrote an article about how demand for ice time is skyrocketing at San Mateo and other rinks in the area. Ice is hard to come by and demolishing the San Mateo rink will mean fewer kids learn to skate or experience the thrill of ice hockey and figure skating. San Mateo families will face longer commutes, higher costs, and less convenient hours for kids who play hockey or compete in figure skating. The San Mateo rink is currently busy from early morning to late at night - 18 hours a day. The closest rink, Belmont Iceland, is also at capacity and packed well into the night. Unlike San Mateo, the Belmont rink isn't full size so some competition levels cannot play there. All the rinks in the Bay Area are currently at capacity. Closing San Mateo will increase demand on other rinks, increasing costs for San Mateo families that will now need to travel elsewhere.

Interest in ice hockey in San Mateo continues to grow significantly. This fall, the San Francisco Bulls pro hockey team will hold their inaugural season at the nearby Cow Palace. This will result in even more children taking hockey lessons and

joining leagues. The California Cougars youth hockey program, serving kids as young as 5, is currently headquartered at the San Mateo rink. Many Cougar alumni are playing at college, junior, and professional levels; current skaters dream of one day following in their footsteps.

Figure skating demands on ice time also continue to grow; recent San Mateo competitions have hosted well over three hundred skaters and their families. San Mateo Ice Center has a legacy of amazing and accomplished U.S. figure skaters. Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi got her start in San Mateo. Gold Medalist Brian Boitano and Bronze Medalist Debi Thomas also skated in San Mateo during their competitive careers.

While we appreciate SPI Holdings LLC's offer to build a park restroom and provide synthetic turf on an existing soccer field, we feel this will be of less benefit and use to the community than the rink. The artificial turf will only increase playtime a few days a year. Closing the rink will eliminate ice time year-round for thousands in our community.

Losing the rink will greatly change the lives of San Mateo and other area families, many of whom moved here due to the rink. The San Mateo City Council made a commitment to this community in their previous 5-0 votes to keep the rink. An entire ice skating culture has grown and developed from that commitment. We ask that the City Council not reverse its previous decisions and not change the current master plan to demolish the ice rink and build more chain stores.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Michael Jones	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-30	For children and adults who skate for exercise and compete on the ice
John Boothroyd	Stanford, CA	2012-07-30	Lack of physical exercise is producing a health crisis in this country's children and taking away this facility will only exacerbate the problem. The benefit of adding artificial turf to an existing soccer field do not come close to offsetting the cost of losing this ice rink which provides recreational exercise opportunities to all ages.
Rob Helgesen	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-30	There are 200-300 children who are currently playing hockey at the Ice Center. There is no capacity available for them to continue if this rink is closed. Figure skaters, recreational skaters and 300 or so adult hockey players will asl be impacted.
mark fassett	redwood city, CA	2012-07-30	Please keep the rink open.
kathleen lee	Saratoga, CA	2012-07-30	My son is an ice hockey player. When he practices, I go shopping at the many nearby stores. Bridgepointe has a good variety of retail. I love the San Mateo ice rink because of this. Thank you.
Michael Roeder	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-30	In addition to the reasons stated by others, I'd like to point out that artificial turf is not ecologically sound. It will eventually have to be removed and replaced, at city expense.
Jim Soutter	Emerald Hills, CA	2012-07-30	both my son and I play ice hockey in San Mateo.
Jeff Evans	Meadow Vista, CA	2012-07-30	I have previously played hockey here and it is a great facility for the community.
Aaron Beecher	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-30	The ice rink is a safe and healthy place for kids to get exercise and stay out of trouble. It would be a crime to take that away.
Gregory Gerst	Los Altos, CA	2012-07-30	I have played in an adult hockey league at Bridgepointe for the past 15 years. My son started playing for the Cougars youth hockey organization about 3 years ago. Unfortunately, there are not many ice rink options in the bay area. We're already getting up at 4:30am to get him to morning practice, and I regularly have games starting at 10:15pm. This should give you some idea of the demand for ice time in the area. Taking away a rink would be a disaster for us and many others.
Tony Khing	Fremont, CA	2012-07-30	There are some short-sighted people making a decision about the future of Bridgepointe Ice Centre. We need to let them know how improper this decision will be to the welfare of all concerned.
ann barry	hillsborough, CA	2012-07-30	My kids spent many a fun afternoon at the SM Ice Center. Redwood City is way too far to go for ice skating. My husband grew up next to the rink in SF and they closed it now there is nowhere out in the avenues for skating! It matters!
Scott Podlesh	Los Altos, CA	2012-07-30	Obesity is a major health issue. The purpose of this ice rink is to keep active. 100, 000 people a year use this rink playing hockey, figure skating, public skate, etc. Not everyone grows up with the opportunity to see and/or play a winter sport. This takes away that opportunity for a lot of San Mateo.
Alex Wasserstrom	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-30	Demolishing a rink takes opportunities away from kids committed to hockey.
Andrew Barrie	South Lake Tahoe, CA	2012-07-30	Played at this rink - it's a no brainer decision - why would u get rid of a recreation option???

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Derek Daily	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-30	My family consistently use the ice rink. As San Mateo residents, we understand the short term pull for increased tax revenue, but cannot support any loss of additional "unique" recreational avenues. Already we fall so far below similar towns in these types of resources. The CC has promised skate parks to the kids for a decade to no avail. Soccer field as a replacement to the balance and skills required in ice and roller skating is unequal. Reconsider open space roller skate / hockey / skateboard area at Seal Point to ADD, not subtract from these sports growing in popularity and shrinking in available venues.
Stephen Ma	Sunnyvale, CA	2012-07-30	1) Great rink 2) Bay area needs more ice rink facilities .. not less 3) My son started hockey here
Lianne Gong	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-30	The kids need a place to spend their time!
Jonathan Melman	San Ramon, CA	2012-07-30	I used to live across the street from the rink, and continued playing here when I moved to Contra Costa Country. After moving, games were typically combined with family dining or shopping trips. Without the rink as the focal point, these meals and shopping trips would have occurred in a county other than San Mateo.
Deirdre McGaffey Schwein	Reston, VA	2012-07-30	While I am no longer a San Mateo resident I played at this rink for many years. Multiple leagues makes use of the space, and as much as I like Belmont it's just not a good backup since the surface is so small. Keep San Mateo skating!
Medea Isphording	Hillsborough, CA	2012-07-30	Our kids need to be engaged in things that require movement. We are choking on big box stores-how much stuff does any of us really need?! Please keep our children healthy and our values on the right path by keeping the rink open.
Yunhee Dixson	sunnyvale, CA	2012-07-30	My son plays hockey at this rink currently and have been played for last 5 years. Also, my nephew played hockey at this rink for 3 years. It is VERY important to have this rink stayed open as California Cougars hockey team is highly valued nationwide.
Alycia Rafnson	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-30	Hockey is growing in popularity in the Bay Area. Most rinks are at capacity. My son has played hockey@Bridgepointe, I have played hockey @Bridgepointe. I have also shopped at the mall. If the rink is closed, I will no longer shop there & will petition everyone I know to no longer ship there.
Sarah Murphy	Hillsborough, CA	2012-07-30	Our family has enjoyed many fun hours on the ice. We moved from a town with an ice center with many rinks, where children had the chance to watch professional skaters in practice time, as well as learn themselves. It was a huge draw to that location. San Mateo is doing itself a disservice if it were to lose this facility.
Jennifer Schwartz	SSF, CA	2012-07-30	For our community
Anna White	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-30	Among SEVERAL other reasons: With the SF Bulls coming to town serving as a potential fulfillment of the hopes and dreams for young hockey players in the Bay Area to get a shot at "the big leagues", we need as many youth hockey programs in the Bay Area as we can get (not that there are very many to begin with)...striking one down is only going to hurt the hockey community in Northern California as a whole. Bay Area kids should have a place that will support and encourage a chance at making it at least to the junior levels of hockey in the Bay Area...not another place to shop. Having dreams, afterall, is what helps our youth grow up to be better adults.
Dale Miller	Danville, CA	2012-07-30	I grew up playing at San mateo ice rink and have fond memories. It also provided me with an avenue to become an NHL employee. The rink offers such a great variety of fun it must be kept in place.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Michelle Trinh	El Cerrito, CA	2012-07-30	<p>I believe in having more community recreational facilities that benefit society as a whole and still generate tax revenue. It is unfair and unconscionable to substitute a turf field for a ice rink because the field is not an equivalent facility, does not provide equal recreational opportunities, and does not serve the same demographic. Additionally, turf field users at least have a chance to use publicly funded fields located at schools and parks, whereas ice rink users don't have that option. There are a limited number of ice rinks in the Bay Area, and each one is already beyond capacity. My boyfriend drives over 45 minutes (without traffic) to play games at the Bridgepointe Ice Rink because he loves the community, the games, and the friendships he formed through the ice rink. He is so eager to have a family so that one day he can skate with his children at this very rink. It would be devastating to all of us to close this rink, and simple minded to think that the same experience can simply be transferred to a different rink, which would even be difficult logistically because there's often a long waiting list just to play at a different rink. If anything, we should be building more rinks to meet the demand of skaters and to improve the physical health of the community. If the City of San Mateo desires more retail space and tax revenue, I think it would be better to examine the feasibility of converting office space (16% in 2010 according to the Revised Memorandum dated 9/28/11) into retail space or residential lofts. Has the City commissioned a feasibility study to examine this yet (perhaps the Bridgepointe Master Plan)? I would like to see any such study scanned and publicly posted on the City's website for more convenient public access. My friends also found it so insulting and disrespectful to attend a meeting (7/26/12) located in facility that did not even have a fifth of the capacity necessary to meet the demand of attendees. It was clear City officials were so ignorant of the high relevance of this facility to the community, otherwise, they would have insisted upon a larger facility. I fee that corporate greed and City negligence cannot be used as an excuse to wipe out an irreplaceable community facility that serves the primarily the shrinking middle class. Please consider the needs of San Mateo and the entire regional Bay Area community in your decision to keep the Bridgepointe Ice Rink open.</p>
Diana Huffman	Los Altos Hills, CA	2012-07-30	<p>If the city of San Mateo can't stop SPI Holdings from closing the Bridgepointe ice rink they should insist that all moneys originally suggested for the turf and bathroom (plus much more from SPI) be designated for the construction of an ice rink at another San Mateo location. SPI Holdings stands to make A LOT of money from changing the rink space to retail including the increased property value (the price they paid was highly discounted when they purchased it because of its recreational designation). Make them pay for an ice rink elsewhere if they really want to eliminate the rink at Bridgepointe.</p>
Justin Bell	Hillsborough, CA	2012-07-30	<p>I've been playing hockey at ice chalet since the day the rink opened (when I was in high school). Youth hockey is very important, and without the ice chalet, there are no rinks fit for USA sanctioned hockey in the area. Also, having the rink at the shopping center brings in more people to all of the shops and restaurants on game days (which is pretty much every day).</p>
Kimberly Bouma-Henderson	San Carlos, United States Minor Outlying Islands	2012-07-30	<p>The glory of living in the Bay Area is the wonderful opportunity we all have to participate in many different sports. Not all children like soccer, baseball or softball. Please don't restrict our children's choices to participate the sport that best speaks to them. With the limited amount of ice rinks available in the Bay Area, we definitely should not be shutting down one of the newest and best used ones!</p>
David Tesarowski	Foster City, CA	2012-07-30	<p>I have played hockey here since 2002 and it is one of life's great passions. I spend >\$1000 per year on rink fees and would miss my chance to play!</p>

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jason Mandell	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-30	Come on this is a no-brainer. Let's be smart San Mateo.
Brandon Byles	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-30	Please do not close this rink. The Bay Area has one of the largest adult hockey leagues in the entire nation and we need this rink.
Mike Shaffet	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-30	People need their ice rink! That place saved my life!!!!
Richard Ruch	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-30	The ice rink enriches our community and benefits our kids
Boris Chetinin	Hillsborough, CA	2012-07-30	Stop the greed.
Mario Saccheri Jr	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-30	I coach and play here and would be deeply devastated to see our rink be closed for good. Please reconsider closing the rink.
James Bohac	Menlo Park, CA	2012-07-30	Have son who plays hockey at Bridgepointe. If facility is lost many kids will not be able to skate.
LOUISE DIXSON	SACRAMENTO, CA	2012-07-30	I am watching the Olympics daily and marvel at the challenges of our young athletics and the dedication they have. If you would listen to where they practiced and challenged themselves I ask "Why are you taking away this opportunity for our young athletics to practice and play in this arena when this is part of the 'making of America" challenge to our youth? You are making it more difficult for them to succeed.
Manjiv Vohra	Hillsborough, CA	2012-07-30	Mayor Brandt: We moved here from Massachusetts 3 years ago and have two small children who are very interested in ice skating. It is such a pleasure to take them to the rink! For this part of the peninsula, the rink is a strategic asset -- please consider keeping it!
Elizabeth Fitzgerald	South San Francisco, CA	2012-07-30	Have been going to the rink since my daughter was 5 for figure skating she is one of many girls in the years have traveled and done well in competitions. She is now 18 and still doing shows and teaches. It is a demanding sport and not enough rinks in the area.
Lisa Myers	Los Altos Hills, CA	2012-07-30	Ice hockey is on the rise as a sport in the area and there are not enough rinks in the area as it is. This is a great sport for all ages and abilities.
David Dudek	San Jose, CA	2012-07-30	Please do not allow this important community asset to disappear!
Scott Taylor	San Jose, CA	2012-07-30	There are too few quality ice rinks in the Bay Area and a ton of demand. The San Mateo rink is one of the nicer rinks in the area, so I would like to see it stay.
Shayne Smith	San Jose, CA	2012-07-30	This was my first home for hockey and I've come back every summer to train, this is my home away from home.
Salma Bushnaq	Amman, Jordan	2012-07-30	It's a great place. It keeps kids happy, productive and safe...!
Elizabeth McHugh	Roseville, CA	2012-07-30	My kids play hockey at the rink. When we are there, we shop, eat and patronize San Mateo businesses.
Peggy Milne	Half Moon Bay, CA	2012-07-30	My son learned to skate and play hockey in San Mateo. His name is on the wall as part of a State Championship team. Every time we are there for hockey, or just for fun, he sees his name and feels so proud of his and his teammates' accomplishment. Hockey is a huge part of his life because of the great opportunities he got in San Mateo. He has lifetime friendships and coaches who he continues to stay in touch with. It is a great place and more kids should be given the opportunities that my son has had. Save the rink!
Bob Kelly	Livermore, CA	2012-07-30	I work in San Mateo and both my 2 boys and I play hockey at the Ice Center. Three players will looking elsewhere for ice.
Anthony Abene	Los Gatos, CA	2012-07-30	If anything we need MORE rinks in NorCal. This would be a huge blow to the hockey community.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
cameron lewis	Tracy, CA	2012-07-30	We need more options... not less!
Marcus Sandberg	san jose, CA	2012-07-30	Save the rink! we need a place our children can go to to play ice hockey.
Kristen Navarrete	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-30	My son is on the travel hockey team at this wonderful ice rink and they have an amazing program for kids of all ages. We previously had our son in a hockey program at Belmont Iceland, but they have older facilities not set up or sized for hockey. At the San Mateo Ice Center, they are provided with proper hockey facilities not available at any other place on the peninsula. Please uphold the vision that was put in place by the City leaders to maintain this successful and fully utilized ice rink for the youth and adults of the community when they allowed the developers to convert the old Fashion Island mall into an outdoor shopping center. Once it's gone, another ice rink will likely never again be built. A outdoor field fully utilized for the community would never be eliminated in the interest of increasing profits, and this ice rink shouldn't be sacrificed either.
Tony Riccomini	Pacifica, CA	2012-07-30	Hockey is growing in California we need more rinks not less rinks. Let's invest in people not products.
Marie La Rocco	Boise, ID	2012-07-30	It's practically a historic landmark for Foster City/San Mateo!
Teri Tussey	San Bruno, CA	2012-07-30	I have spent many hours at Ice Center San Mateo watching my daughter skate. I've met the wonderful coaches and parents of other skaters and enjoyed spending time with them and traveling to competitions! Please keep Ice Center San Mateo safe for future generations of figure and hockey skaters!
Colin Gould	Foster City, CA	2012-07-30	The Ice Rink was the ONLY holdover from the ill-fated Fashion Island mall, to be kept at Bridgepoint- for a reason, community demand and support. I believe it was a condition for rebuilding the mall. It continues to be very popular today, and my children and their friends have enjoyed ice skating lessons and parties there. It is a unique recreational and family resource for the city & county. Bridgepoint already has plenty of chain stores, and appears to be doing well, so why should the developer's desire for a bit more money trump the community? Certainly not for so cheap & sort-term a price as two simple upgrades to a city park! Kids need more fun & physical activities. More chain stores, is something we do NOT need!
Julie Hardin	San Jose, CA	2012-07-30	There are so few rinks in the bay area - please don't reduce our opportunities for skating!
john foxcroft	saratoga, CA	2012-07-30	I manage a mens hockey team (Chiefs) that has been playing (PHA) Monday nights for the past 15+ years. San Mateo Ice Center is the ideal (central) location for our team given our players live all over the bay area.
Edward Graves	Redwood City, CA	2012-07-30	There are limited options for ice sports in the peninsula and the Ice Center is sorely needed.
James Reodica	South San Francisco, CA	2012-07-30	Hockey and ice recreation are an important part of the community!
Vince Reeve	OAKLAND, CA	2012-07-30	There are too few options for skating and recreation on the ice in the bay area and taking away this rink will be a severe loss for those who enjoy skating. Please don't give in to the greedy building owners who want to develop more unimaginative chain stores in this spot!
Mark Sine	Watsonville, CA	2012-07-30	I'm an Ice Hockey player that already has to drive an hour to play. Hate to make others have to do it!
Roxanne Cline	Livermore, CA	2012-07-30	We talk about children being the future of our country, let's not just talk the talk. Let's support those children in their desire to participate in winter sports. Children with active outlets become productive adults.
eileen battat	hillsborough, CA	2012-07-30	My family uses the rink. It's good exercise and fun!!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
S Selwood	San Carlois, CA	2012-07-30	I play hockey at multiple rinks in the area and think we need the capacity this rink provides. Ice skating in general and hockey in particular are sports that parents can enjoy with their children. I see significant numbers of family groups playing together at my home rink and others. Hockey also gives a year-around venue for youth teams, with all the social learning that being part of a team carries with it. We need San Mateo Ice Center to remain in place to continue to meet that need for our kids.
Rob Tenore	San Jqse, CA	2012-07-30	There are no adequate facilities and no normal shape/size ice rink between SJ and SF. Unless the city approves a new dual rink facility AND said facility is operating before this one is torn down, I see this is a horrible idea. Money before kids? Are you serious?!? Is this REALLY what the world is coming to? SPI = Immoral
Charito Alonso	South San Francisco, CA	2012-07-30	My son has been ice skating at Ice Center San Mateo for at least 2 years now, year round. He is a member of the California Cougars Youth Hockey Club
Julie McAuliffe	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	With funding for school sports declining, and the focus on increased activity for a healthy life style, we need this rink to offer boys and girls, youth and adults of all ages a place to skate with their families, figure skate, play hockey, enjoy Broomball and Laser Skate Nights from 5 am until after midnight. Where else can you have so many recreational and competitive optionis in one location! Keep the rink in San Mateo right where it is!
Liam Flannigan	Dominion, Canada	2012-07-31	Played hockey all my life, be very sad to see a rink go. It's a place where I grew up and hate to see any rink go.
Kimberly Diaz	South San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	my 8 year old son started skating there 1 1/2 years ago and plays hockey there 3x per week. We need this rink to stay!
Mark Roest	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	I support quality recreation opportunities for children and adults. I know ice-skating qualifies -- I've had fun doing it, and my father was from Holland and ice-skated.
Diana Bautista	Daly City, CA	2012-07-31	I used to skate at the Belmont rink and I know how busy all the rinks get. Removing the San Mateo Ice Center will impact all the rinks and will ruin any chance for future generations to experience the joy of skating.
Jeff Bourquin	Redwood City, CA	2012-07-31	San Mateo Ice Rink is my favorite rink to go play hockey. I don't want to see it go!
Carola Hamann	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	I live in San Francisco, but the hockey league is so busy at the Yerba Buena rink that I have played on and off at the San Mateo rink.
Matt Lewis	Durham, NC	2012-07-31	I played adult hockey at this rink for 4 years. Fantastic rink, and one of the only options between San Francisco and San Jose. Keep the rink!
Ari Maguire	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	We need MORE ice, not less ice. Sincerely, A Pro Beer League Hockey Player
Peggy Koenig	San Bruno, CA	2012-07-31	We need more activities for children to do that is not dependent on weather. Ice Skating is one of the best ways.
Jason Taylor	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	Northern California needs more ice rinks, not fewer. Hockey is an excellent team sport that can have a tremendously positive impact on young lives. Don't take away this opportunity for local youth to learn and grow in favor of yet more chain stores filled with merchandise no one needs.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Yoshiko Iwami	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	The ice rink serves wide range of crowd--children and adults, casual skater and serious athletes--and provides a unique and irreplaceable experience throughout the year. The SPI's proposal is deceptive and misleading, offering improvements to existing city-owned facilities, while not offering a new off-site recreational amenity similar to the ice rink. This appears to be a case of obvious bias and should be addressed. Hope the city of San Mateo will make a fair decision.
Fran Gorman	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	My kids all skated there and one even worked there for may years. It's a great recreational activity and remains popular from what I continue to see.
Rachel Duran	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	I'm a figure skater and former coach. I lost my rink a few years back and my job. It is heartbreaking!
Richard Koscher	Belmont, CA	2012-07-31	I take my kids there all the time!! PLEASE DON'T CLOSE IT! They love ice skating!
Patrick Sheridan	Los Altos, CA	2012-07-31	I use the San Mateo rink weekly for fun and exercise (and have done so for many years). It's a great opportunity for everyone in our family. Please keep the rink!
Ohannes Shahinian	LAVAL, Canada	2012-07-31	As an Urban Planner, I see far too less of these "pro-active urban amenities". There is no good reason taking away a fun family skate for people in the region. If there are utility or maintenance issues, rather than removing the ice, brainstorm about events that would bring in more people and volunteers who wish to help the community. There is always a way to make our common space and better place.
craig wallace	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-31	San Mateo - you have a treasure here! There will never be another ice rink built here, but there will always be plenty of retail stores. Urge your City Council to vote against this .
Robert Swain	san francisco, CA	2012-07-31	I PLAY THERE DAMNIT DONT CLOSE IT!!!
Linda Dysart	Sunnyvale, CA	2012-07-31	Both of our sons go all the way to San Mateo for hockey because of the stellar travel and in-house programs. Bridgepoint is a nice rink - please don't close it!
Barbara Barisone	San Bruno, CA	2012-07-31	My son plays ice Hockey, coaches also, most of all there is more than enough stores for shopping, we need more activities for our children, do the right thing!!
Danielle Bertolino	Stockton, CA	2012-07-31	Because we almost lost our rink in STOCKTON, and I have a son that plays for the colts.
Ben Lawrence-Farhi	London, Canada	2012-07-31	its the hometown rink of Bulls forward Hans Benson and means a lot to the community!
Daphne Pareas	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	Skating is better than shopping
Robert Jamieson	El Dorado Hills, CA	2012-07-31	I work in Foster City every week and play Hockey at Bridgepoint once a week to get my exercise. My first child played hockey at arena until we moved in 2008 - great experience for him. I coached while he played. It is a community builder. Visited starbucks, restaurants, and Old Navy many times more than I would have otherwise if was not an excuse to be at Bridgepoint. A great opportunity exists by keeping the rink.
Patrick O'Flaherty	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-31	My child and friends play hockey and recreationally skate there! Great family fun. I will never use a turf field at the King Center!!! I try to stay away from that part of town.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Kevin McAuliffe	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	The city needs to stand by the original decision to keep the rink rather than interpreting the definition of "similar recreational use" to provide an alternative resource. The incremental tax revenue generated by new retail stores may be attractive in the short run, but pales in comparison to the impact the ice rink's loss will have on the San Mateo community now and in the future. A soccer field upgrade, Pilates studio(?) or other possible recreational amenities mentioned do not constitute "similar recreational uses" to the ice rink. Do the right thing and keep the original commitment to an ice rink in San Mateo, whether at Bridgepointe or an alternative location
christian stoley	Manteca, CA	2012-07-31	love the rink. Play hockey there all the time and it should never be closed
June Jiao	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	The rink has been a second home for me. It is where I first learned to take risks. It was my first job. The rink is an integral part of the Foster City San Mateo District and should not be removed.
Tim Cainglit	Newark, CA	2012-07-31	I play in the Pacific Hockey Association which holds our games at this rink.
Scott Simmons	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	The demand for ice in the bay area is at an all time high. Check your analysis again. SFI has a golden opportunity and if they had an ounce of foresight they would build the mall around the rink to draw more business in.
Amy Beebe	Half Moon Bay, CA	2012-07-31	My son plays ice hockey and it is such an important part of his life. Already there is not enough ice for the demand; when he wanted private lessons it was at 5:00 am before school! With the Sharks and the new Bulls, there is only more and more interest, and it would be a loss to the community to destroy this resource that enriches so many kids' and adults' lives.
Diana Duong	Oakland, CA	2012-07-31	Saving the rink isn't just for San Mateo residents, but for all Bay Area residents, a lot of us go to the rink to express ourselves, to relax and indulge in something that here in sunny Bay Area that we lack in. Look around the community, there are very few places where there's an ice rink. How many places are there of chain stores? Too many! The ice rink is a home to a lot of people because they practically grew up there filled with memories and joy. Hockey is a rising sport, taking away the rink is taking away opportunities for other people to enjoy the sport!
john schulte	HILLSBOROUGH, CA	2012-07-31	THE PENINSULA SHOULD HAVE AN ICE RINK FOR TEACHING, ACTIVITIES, AND HOCKEY LEAGUES. It should be regulation size. more community outreach (advertising) would likely get lots of kids in there to enjoy skating activities. A healthy sport.
Dax Arguello	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	In my 40 years, I have never seen a community positively impacted by the closure of recreational facilities, particularly ones as in demand as the San Mateo rink. The amount of store fronts that are boarded up all over the bay area does not suggest that more retail space will be "more lucrative". Do the right thing and save the San Mateo ice rink.
Calder Lee	Millbrae, CA	2012-07-31	This place is our home
Victoria Brown	San Bruno, CA	2012-07-31	I Learned to skate in 6th grade. Children need access to ice.
Martin Hoang	hayward, CA	2012-07-31	It's a place of safe haven for those who love the ice. Why take it away? Even those who don't skate often come to have fun and bond with those who they love there. It's both close to several cities around it and makes it convenient.
mel diaz	ssf, CA	2012-07-31	because i would rather take my son to play here than in san francisco.....he 's been playing here for over a yr, he plays in-house hockey and he loves it....we sacrifice our sunday mornings to go to to his 8:15 am games....that's what this rink means to us....

Name	Location	Date	Comment
toni schlapia	Shasta Lake, CA	2012-07-31	I have a friend who lives and breathes hockey. She plays at the rink and considers it her home away from home.
Colleen Bockholt	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	Because my boys play hockey for the California Cougars. Between two boys we are at the rink 5 days a week!
Jackson Pelzner	Belmont, CA	2012-07-31	This is the only rink I've ever called "home" during my 10-year hockey career.
Michael Sefanov	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	I am signing the petition because my cousins enjoy the ice rink almost daily. Sport is critical to their physical development, and the bulk of their commitment to athletics comes in the form of hockey at the Bridgepoint ice rink. Without the rink, I fear a significant portion of their childhoods will be negatively impacted.
Randy Cole	San Bruno, CA	2012-07-31	Save the Ice Rink!
Michelle Brown	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	Member of the women's hockey league who plays games there.
Chris Marriott	Sunnyvale, CA	2012-07-31	Kids need ice rinks!
Mark Botten	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	Community events build community spirit. Once sporting venues are gone, they are gone.
Benoit Cournoyer	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-31	Our community needs this rink.
Michael Bockholt	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	This is where I first stepped on the ice and also where i started playing hockey. I played here for my first clinic where I learned to play hockey then in house and travel. This is like a second home for me.
Joel Farbstein	Montara, CA	2012-07-31	The Ice Center is a unique resource for this community. While another athletic field in San Mateo would be welcome, other fields already exist.. The Ice Center hosts youth and adult hockey leagues, plus figure and recreational skating, and those groups are not served by any other facility in this community. Let's keep it local, and keep fulfilling the needs of the many youth and adults who participate in these activities.
Ryan Bockholt	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	Because this rink is a hudge part of my life its the first place i played hockey if it gets torn down my heart will be broken and will leav a big wole that cant be filled i love this rink its my home
Lisa Hamor	Half Moon Bay, CA	2012-07-31	The kids ;)
Michelle Kwok	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	The ice rink provides a very much needed entertainment as well as athletic outlet for the community! We don't need more shops. We have all the shops we use. I don't ever think, "Boy, I want one more store!" We need a place where we can build community!
Ben Fisher	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	Taking away net recreational space in the city of San Mateo for the sake of a few more retail stores will be a sad day. If the city makes SPI stick to their permit that was agreed upon, then the similiar facility replacing the ice rink better be similiar and a yoga studio is not similiar.
Rachel Gillespie	Englewood, OH	2012-07-31	To help ice hockey grow
laureen lundin	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	The skating rink has added skill and endurance to achieve! It shapes young people lifes. Want them stuck on computers all day or out tearing up the streets? Give a young person a chance to reach for the stars!
eric bostrom	SF, CA	2012-07-31	The bay area is losing ice rinks,what few are left should be protected .
Patrick Spink	Campbell, CA	2012-07-31	I play hockey here once or twice a week. I always see this rink packed full of patrons.
Pat Cowart	Redwood City, CA	2012-07-31	Please save ICSM. It has taught my daughter to work as a team, confidence, along with a great way to keep active and healthy.
jenny martin	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-31	Ice skating and ice hockey need more support and exposure in our community. Without places like this kids will never be exposed.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jamie Gunning	San Ramon, CA	2012-07-31	There are so few rinks and ice hockey is huge!! My son would be lost without it. We need rinks and yes we DO drive from San Ramon to Bridgeport for ice time HAPPILY
Kate LaBarbera	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	Skating is important for our youth!
Michael Steczo	San Bruno, CA	2012-07-31	I use this rink. This is a fantastic sheet of ice. This is a wonderful option for the peninsula. One of only a few available. The loss of this would be a major blow for the hockey community on the peninsula. We need MORE rinks where kids and adults can be active and healthy, not fewer. I understand the desire for more retail space. It seems that finding more space nearby for retail would be easier than tearing down an established ice rink and trying to find somewhere to replace it and most likely never replacing it. The value of this rink for the community goes far beyond the financial gain that can be had from ripping it out of our hands and hearts just for more retail space.
Emily Lum	Goleta, CA	2012-07-31	I've been figure skating since at ICSM since I was ten. It's been my second home, and I consider everyone that skates there my second family. If ICSM were to close, I would lose a huge part of my life...I believe all the figure skaters would.
Kevin Anderson	Half Moon Bay, CA	2012-07-31	The ice center is a fabulous facility and great asset to the community
Rahul Herwadkar	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	My daughter loves ice skating. Please don't take this rink away!
Mana Jamali	Hillsborough, CA	2012-07-31	Save our ice rink
Lauren Taniguchi	Los Altos, CA	2012-07-31	Bridgepointe cannot be shut down! I transferred from a San Jose rink to Bridgepointe when Kim Delli-Gatti opened the rink, and I have enjoyed many wonderful years of competitive ice skating there. It is in a convenient and safe location within the peninsula.
Jamie Hazelton	Grass Valley, CA	2012-07-31	Because Skating is my life. I began skating here when I was 3 years old. Skating taught me passion, perseverance, dedication, strength, and friendship. I mom fought for this rink to stay open when I was 6 and now I am old enough to fight for it myself. Please save the ice rink so future generations can enjoy skating as much as I do.
Sarah Nothnagel	Riverside, CA	2012-07-31	I am a hockey player and I was quite pleasantly surprised to find that interest and participation in hockey in the Bay Area is so strong despite the lack of natural winter ice. San Mateo is one of the best rinks in the area and it needs to stay open to continue to support this community.
Erin Schroeter	Half Moon Bay, CA	2012-07-31	Not only will closing this rink be devastating to the programs currently there, but the impact it would place on the other rinks like Belmont and Redwood City would cause many other valuable programs to shut down as well. There is very limited ice time as it is and removing a whole rink would cause entire leagues to close!
Robin Verderosa	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	Please save our ice rink. It offers many hours of family fun and gives kids an opportunity to learn a sport that's fun and enjoyable.
Craig Moore	Redwood City, CA	2012-07-31	I played hockey here for 10 years. The league is great and it encourages bay area folks to play hockey.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Michael Reed	Belmont, CA	2012-07-31	<p>Former supervisor/ zamboni driver at ICE Center of San Mateo. I'd hate to see a business that brings so much joy to the hearts of so many children and what was my favorite place to work go away to make room for shops. If you think that getting rid of the ICE Center will drum up business I think you are sorely mistaken.</p> <p>I personally have never seen this plaza empty so I will make the assumption that business is fine which leads me to ask why? Why do this to the children?</p> <p>Also, I seem to remember something regarding building on the grounds of a former ice rink being a problem due to the perma frost levels in the ground.</p>
Vicki Taniguchi	Cupertino, CA	2012-07-31	<p>Having had recreational figure skating be apart of my life for over 9 years, I am so grateful I had the opportunity as a young girl to build self esteem and to learn about teamwork, leadership, and friendship. I also learned the value of hard work through hours of training and seeing my hard work pay off when competing. Without rinks like the San Mateo Ice Center, many young girls and boys will not have the opportunity to learn the valuable lessons that figure skating and hockey can teach kids (and adults). Please save the SM Ice Center. Don't take away the ice from the people who benefit so much from the sports that are played on it.</p>
ANTHONY GUTING	UNION CITY, CA	2012-07-31	I play hockey and I take my kids to skate there.
John Iannotta	Pittsburgh, PA	2012-07-31	Reddit
JacksOn Strambi	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	I play honey and love playing and skatin and it's wrong to do this
Kevin Huang	South San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	<p>Hockey is having its best time in the Bay Area now, and there's so much more potential for growth! The fan base for hockey is growing every year. Just look at how San Francisco has a new professional hockey team now—the SF Bulls. In addition, the San Jose Sharks have been doing well, as they've made playoffs for most of the past decade, and this has galvanized the sport in the Bay Area.</p> <p>There will be a lot of demand for hockey in the Bay Area in the years to come. There are not a lot of rinks in the peninsula to begin with, and taking away an already-popular rink is going to be devastating for the community.</p> <p>Aside from hockey, the rink also provides many opportunities for figure skating, public skating, group and private events, and much more.</p>
Kathleen Sochan	Redwood City, CA	2012-07-31	<p>Our kids need a place for fun, for play, for exercise, for growth. My son's hockey team won NORCAL this year and there is a banner hanging at the rink to commemorate their championship. I want my son to have the opportunity to take his son there someday so he can show him his championship banner and introduce him to the game of hockey and the wonderful world of ice skating. Please Save Our Rink!!!</p>
Thanh Nguyen	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	Because I love hockey and love seeing it grow.
Samantha Loose	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-31	Ice skated there for 10 years. Skated my first routine to "Jailhouse Rock" (wearing a black and white striped outfit) when I was 6. I'm 17 now and I still visit all of my friends there and my old coach. I take my new friends there and teach them how to skate.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Chris Auhl	Werribee, Australia	2012-07-31	In the state i live in we have only two ice rinks, which makes it hard for any one to play, with the amount of other ice sport which had to be weight up and given ice time. I think that the more you want the sports to grow you need to have as many able facilities as possible and with them being closed not only are you bring players but people who want to skate in the area to a disadvantage.
Austin Nikzat	Newark, CA	2012-07-31	Hockey is the greatest sport on earth, and has the potential to teach kids the fundamentals of teamwork, the beauties of passion, and the rewards of effort. Don't take that away from them.
Ben Liz	Dollard-Des Ormeaux, Canada	2012-07-31	Rink I played at growing up
Harry Hayward	Alameda, CA	2012-07-31	Grew up playing hockey and would be devastated not being able to play. San Francisco has a stronger population of hockey fans than you'd think.
Gary Lindstedt	Cupertino, CA	2012-07-31	Let's keep the rink
Allene Ball	Foster city, CA	2012-07-31	We need the rink...No questions about that. It is a matter of tradition and culture to have it here in San Mateo...
Joe Bozzuto	REDWOOD CITY, CA	2012-07-31	This is a great ice rink and we have played many hockey games here and would like to continue this tradition for many years to come.
Kathy McEachron	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	San Mateo has a history, the ice rink is one of them. Don't let this turn into another Bay Meadows. The people wanted that to remain too.
Alberto Rulloda	Oakland, CA	2012-07-31	We need places for sports activities such as the ICE SKATING RINK, it is also a FUN WAY TO FITNESS and keeps everyone busy and out of trouble.
Geoffrey Balleisen	mclean, VA	2012-07-31	Save and grow ice time everywhere!
Sarah Graham-Helwig	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	LOVE the ice rink!
Julie McCusker	Sunnyvale, CA	2012-07-31	I'm signing for a friend who's son plays there. It means so much to her & her family.
Michelle Ballard	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-31	Skating adds diversity to kids' options for exercise. Not every kid loves soccer.
Seriously Last Name	Martinsburg, WV	2012-07-31	As if the loss of Berkeley Iceland isn't bad enough. Now THIS place is closing..and to yet another chain too!?!? C'mon, San Mateo!!! Either save this rink, or folk over the dough to build rink where we can skate!!!
Marco Marini	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	The rink is an important part of San Mateo. I live and own a buiness that employess 20 people in San Mateo. I play hockey twice a week and have been for almost 40 years. Should this rink be allowed to close, I will seriously consider selling my house and moving my business to the south bay.
Alena Guggemos	Hillsboro, OR	2012-07-31	This is the ONLY local venue for children and adults to play hockey and ice skate! Closing this is insulting and short-sighted.
Mary Ryan	Menlo Park, CA	2012-07-31	San Mateo Ice Center is our second home with our son who plays on the Cougars travel teams. Please keep our home.
William Mitchell	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-31	losing this rink impact so many individuals and families involved in figure skating, ice hockey and recreational skating. other bay area rinks are at capacity and can't take on the overflow this closure would create. everyone loses except developers if this rink closes at this time.
Steve Starr	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-31	Our youth need opportunities to grow and develop all aspects of themselves. Time on the ice allows them to have fun and build personal confidence. Ice rinks deserve as much public funding as do the parks. Let there be ice !

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Adam Clark	Lake Stevens, WA	2012-07-31	I grew up ice skating there!
Stanley Chao	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	Continuing to make decisions based upon developers financial needs, and not the needs of the community, is short-sighted. In the long-term, you deteriorate the community value and increase the problems brought about from urban sprawl - increased traffic, cars, trash, etc. This ultimately leads to a decrease in residential property values in exchange for increased commercial revenue.
Nicholas White	Stephenville, Canada	2012-07-31	Everyone deserves to have access to a hockey rink.
David MacQueen	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	One definition of INSANITY is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. You tore down Bay Meadows to increase revenue. It has NOT! You are thinking about tearing down the Ice Rink to INCREASE REVENUE. ARE YOU INSANE?
Laurie Conner	Mento Park, CA	2012-07-31	The kids here need a place to skate, and we DON'T need another big box store!
Katey Bielagus	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	The Ice Center hosted Special Olympics ice skating last year. The Special Education community at Hillsdale High School had the opportunity to start learning how to skate in a safe & supportive environment.
Carter Fields	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	My wife and I are considering a move to the San Mateo area next year. One big draw for us is the ice rink since I'd like my son to play. I grew up in Chicago and know firsthand the importance of having sufficient ice time available for kids (I started when I was 5). If this rink closes, we would seriously consider moving somewhere else (east bay).
Floy Campbell	Cupertino, CA	2012-07-31	Ice skating and hockey are wonderful ways to build athletic skills, leadership skills, and self-confidence in our youth, and are sports that can be enjoyed by all ages. Getting rid of a rink that services so much of the community and is kept busy from morning till night is an illogical decision. And an ice rink provides a hub for the community that no retail store could ever replace.
Tommy Kasper	Trumbull, CT	2012-07-31	Must allow kids to discover the joy of hockey
AJ Wu	Cupertino, CA	2012-07-31	I'm a hockey player and it's a great ice rink and I've played there a bunch of times.
Jennifer Brabson	Cupertino, CA	2012-07-31	A synthetic turf field and a park restroom are no substitute for an ice rink. Empty chain stores do nothing for the community's spirit and health. Please keep the rink!
Edgar Andales	Santa Clara, CA	2012-07-31	My 2 boys love to play hockey with their teammates/friends here, dont take it away from them.
Brian Steuber	San Jose, CA	2012-07-31	This rink is home to one of the best youth, developmental hockey organizations in the Bay Area by far. Closing this rink would be closing the door on these kids' dreams and the pasts of all those whose dreams started and materialized at Bridgepointe.
Elisa Thurman	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	Friend
Shauna McKimmie	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	Hockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. It would be a shame to deny the opportunity for people to be able to participate in this sport. It's already an expensive sport, and closing a rink will increase costs, decrease availability and cause many people to lose out on a sport that provides for so much in terms of learning about, and experiencing life.
Sue Rijnhoff	millbrae, CA	2012-07-31	I was an ice skater, my son loves to ice skate and it is really disapointing to see so many things taken away from kids for activities. we have lost bowling alleys, roller rinks, now potentially the ice rink. all just to have mosre stores. we have enought already

Name	Location	Date	Comment
James Ercek	Martinez, CA	2012-07-31	I played 3 seasons there and learned to play ice hockey as an adult through the PHA program. Love the sport and if I hadn't moved across the bay I'd still be playing there. It's a wonderful clean rink and honestly a great community resource. The developer's proposed equivalent field is simply a shame. The developer also probably does not realize how many players frequent the local restaurants in the shopping center as well. I know my wife would go to Target while I played.
Rosie Simmons	Estacada, OR	2012-07-31	My adult God-son has been taking Ice Hockey lessons @ the rink. As an adult with asthma, he is trying to stay physically active in a sport he loves. Please don't remove the rink. He would have to travel too far to keep up his involvement.
aaron vogel	Saratoga, CA	2012-07-31	its were i play hockey and should not be taken down for more shops its were kids play and love the sport taking it down is a terrible thing to do all the kids tht play there then have to travel 1 hour to 3 hours longer than tht rink it a sacret place were kids play hockey not for stores i play there every day of the summer and 3- 5 times a week durring school its not to be touched dont take it down please
Dave Yee	South San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	There are hundreds of places to shop in San Mateo, and only one place to ice skate. The community does not need more shops, only money-grubbing land owners do. Adding artificial turf to an already existing soccer field does absolutely nothing for the hundreds of kids and adults who ice skate at Bridgepoint. Please save our ice rink!
Nancy Milholland	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	The rink serves a wide range of people of different ages who love to play hockey or ice skate. The area is underserved for ice rinks not soccer fields.
Marshall Jackson	Los Altos, CA	2012-07-31	I have been visiting San Mateo at least once a week for the last 10 years because of this rink. I shop at the local San Mateo stores and I eat at the local San Mateo restaurants with my family and friends BECAUSE of this rink. Obviously, if the rink goes, so does my draw to San Mateo. Many, many people have a similar story.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Laura Bierwagen	Redwood City, CA	2012-07-31	<p>Absolutely need this ice rink. Ice time scheduled to the minute. I have a figure skater and hockey player. My son even did a science fair project requiring ice time. He built a puck shooter and tested the effect of different temperatures from -30 degrees to 200 degrees On the velocity And distance of the puck It took two weeks to get one half hour of time on a Thursday night to perform the experiment. The adult hockey league that followed was quite interested in his project and cheered him on. That is another thing. Community. Each ice rink builds a community. People make lifelong friends. That is priceless. And exactly what I'd imagine a city council would wish for it's constituents. Please preserve our ice rink. The shopping center is great just the way it is. We don't need another store, especially at the expense and destruction of a community of people who have learned values through skating. Sportsmanship, perseverance, how to work well with others, and most especially valuable for the hockey players- how to come down from anger. How to control temper. That it's ok to be mad at yourself and others, but that you can get over it. This lesson is sadly absent in the children who get involved in gangs. They do not know how to manage those feelings of anger. So they resort to violence. And all too often there are injuries and deaths. They know no other way. I used to work with the gangs in Los Angeles. Their gang was their community, their family. A good thing until someone felt they were insulted. Then war, and unnecessary morbidity and mortality. Now, I know the demographics of the rink community are different than the LA gangs, but my point is- why take away something that is a great physical outlet and teaches such good life lessons? Seems to me, that would be the last thing a city council would want to do.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion.</p> <p>Laura M. Bierwagen, MD, FAAP Board certified Pediatrician.</p> <p>Formerly staffed L. A. County Juvenile Detention Center and the L.A. Free Clinic Children's Hospital of San Diego and Children's Hospital of Dallas</p>
Elizabeth Newton	Foster City, CA	2012-07-31	SPI Holdings agreed with the commitment to the recreational facility when they bought Bridgepoint and they should be held to that commitment. The peninsula needs more ice rinks, not less.
Jen Poston	Belmont, CA	2012-07-31	Please do not let the ice rink close!! It is a one-of-a kind facility that San Mateo needs. Countless individuals and families spend quality time as well as money there. I am a member of the PHA hockey league and we rely on this rink to play our games. Other ice rinks in the area at capacity and only getting busier. There are no comparable sports facilities to ice rinks - please keep the promise to the citizens of San Mateo!!
Bonnie Daley	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	Hockey is a very popular sport in the Bay Area. Adults and children all benefit from having access to more ice rinks as hockey is a fun, rewarding and healthy pastime.
Christian Klopfer	Fairfax, VA	2012-07-31	Don't take hockey away from the kids.
Robert Fleming	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	I play in the PHA there.
Meagan Helbig	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	I've had my birthday party every year here, and i dont want that to change.
Marie Pang	Millbrae, CA	2012-07-31	I have two grandsons who learned how to skate there as toddlers and now are active on ice hockey teams that practice and play there. Regardless, I think it's important for young people to be active and they need the facilities for sports. Thank you.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Marga Lamoreaux	Diamond Harbour, New Zealand	2012-07-31	I may live in NZ, but the Bay Area is still home, and I am still registered to vote there. Save the ice rink! The Bay doesn't need another box store! Where would there be enough space nearby to build another ice rink?
Mirelle Mallari	South San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	This ice rink is my second home. It's where I grew up, met some of my closest friends, discovered my talents, and became the woman I am today. Figure skating taught me how to be outgoing, strong willing, how to persevere, determination, to never give up, and how to get back up when you're down mentally and physically. Please, please don't take it away from me. Even if I haven't skated in a while, Ice skating is my passion. It's something that has been a part of me for more than half of my life. Why take away something that means so much to not only one person, but to an entire community? Because of financial issues? To build more stores? Nonsense. If anything, you would lose money by taking away such a popular attraction and replacing it with something unnecessary. If people believe that there's nothing to do around our area, it's because the council is taking away our form of entertainment continuously. Don't take it away. Don't take my childhood away.
Michael Linehan	Auckland, New Zealand	2012-07-31	As someone who lives in an area with few ice rinks around, I know what it's like to put up with rinks that are far away and a burden on the casual users, hockey players and figure skaters, their supporters and their families. If you take away their rink, it's only going to get less people wanting to skate and learn to play hockey or figure skate. The other rinks will get too busy and in the end everyone loses out. So despite being from far away, I'd fight for any local community to keep their rink, because it really means more to thousands, than just a frozen pool of water.
Jamie Davis	evanston, WY	2012-07-31	I don't want to see the ice rink closed.
Steve Dubinskiy	San Carlos, CA	2012-07-31	I had great time at the rink playing PHA league, go there regularly for public skate sessions, and was hoping to introduce my daughter to a great sport of skating ... Keep the ice rink. Its great for community.. Its great for our kids. It shouldnt always be about the money.
Garrett Nolan	Pacifica, CA	2012-07-31	Because this rink brought me into the world of hockey and i will not let it be torn down just to put up another pottery barn or mcdonalds!
Nicholas Genova	Old Bridge, NJ	2012-07-31	Hockey is a sport that doesn't have many places to play. i'll be coming out to California sometime around november and it would be a shame to not be able to play while i'm there!
Michele Friedman	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-31	My son plays hockey there 4x per week and loves it. While he is skating, I'm doing errands (i.e. spending money) at the multitude of stores already at Bridgepointe.
Joseph Paglinawan	Salinas, CA	2012-07-31	San Mateo has the BEST adult beginner hockey program in the Bay Area. If I didn't play here, I wouldn't of had the great foundation I've had. This place is more than special.
Jacob Hanna	Ottawa, Canada	2012-07-31	Hockey is a part of everyones life. You can NEVER take that away.
Regan Fletcher	Burlingame, CA	2012-07-31	My 3yr old asks me to take him to the rink whenever we go to Home Depot so he can watch "the big kids play hockey". Each time he asks if he can play hockey when he's bigger. Please don't take that away from him.
Colleen Kaiser	New York, NY	2012-07-31	Family uses rink for hockey
Naomi Flower	Mountain View, CA	2012-07-31	Even though I live outside of San Mateo, I still frequent all the ice rinks in the area because ice time is so little and so precious.
Julie Isola	Lodi, CA	2012-07-31	I grew up in San Carlos and this was a great part of my childhood. A great safe place for kids to go!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Zack Kremnitser	San Mateo, CA	2012-07-31	I moved to San Mateo so my 6 year old son who has been playing ice hockey for 2 years now, can be closer to the ice rink where he plays 3 days per week. My younger son looks up to his brother and can't wait until he will start playing ice hockey also. Please don't take our ice rink or build a new one in the area.
Jr Winchester	san mateo, CA	2012-07-31	You cant replace the rink. Grew up here, played hockey here, worked here, spent uncountable hours here, always a friendly environment. You guys just cant tear it down. KEEP THE RINK.
Brent Jenkins	San Francisco, CA	2012-07-31	I learned how to play hockey here as part of their Adult Beginner Hockey program. It's a great facility and it would be a shame to lose it.
Alex Young	Brampton, Canada	2012-07-31	Never get rid of a hockey rink. EVER (unless you replace it. Think of rinks as trees)
Adam Rosenduft	Belmont, CA	2012-07-31	Only rink i can play at and hockey please dont shut it down
robert gianni	los gatos, CA	2012-07-31	The right thing to do is obvious here..providing this safe environment for people of all ages to exercise.
Michael Poore	Clovis, CA	2012-07-31	I think San Mateo needs to take note of the City of Commerce. The city (being highly industrialized) began to experience major problems with gangs and other problems with children, who had too much free time on their hands. Their solution was to build a slate of the art aquatics program and sponsor a water polo team. To play on the team, the players have to maintain certain GPA and adhere to other requirements. This was done in recognition that kids that are busy are less likely to get into "trouble." The City of San Mateo is doing the reverse. Take away an outlet for children to use their energy in a positive manner and you are looking to increasing your problem with gangs, juvenile delinquency and the like. Good thinking guys!! I hope that you don't hear these words, "I told you so."
Chris Kumata	San Luis Obispo, CA	2012-08-01	Hockey is beneficial to life
Matt Stafford	Los Gatos, CA	2012-08-01	Do we want a place for community sports that encourage healthy lifestyles or shopping? I can't believe this is even a question.
Arantxa Brown	South San Francisco, CA	2012-08-01	My little cousin plays hockey at this rink and he absolutely ADORES the sport! Please don't take away this wonderful place from our kids!
Dondra Bott	Fresno, CA	2012-08-01	By not having this rink it kills another youth hockey orginazation - my son plays hockey also for another club but we want to see hockey grow in California and closer of this rink could be determental to the growth of youth hockey in California. as more and more California born kids are getting more opportunities to play jr, division 1-3 college and in semi-pro and professional hockey by shutting down this rink it is taking away from California youth from taking the ice and getting that opportunity !!! California has enough retail stores - which all to often opening up and with a year shut down and lie vacant for months on end due to the economy. You need to focus on what's best for our youth and not trying to displace them in order to make a buck!!!!
Elyse Matsumoto	Philadelphia, PA	2012-08-01	I used to skate at this rink. I think hockey and figure skating are great recreational activities that provides the community of San Mateo more variety and fun!
Nancy Kuhn	NAPA, CA	2012-08-01	No need for more shopping, need this vital recreation area for people of all ages!
Margaret Baum	Belmont, CA	2012-08-01	I used to take private skating lessons there. :(I also have arthritis - and skating has helped me overcome the problem of not being able to exercise. It's something I really enjoy, and San Mateo wouldn't be the same without this rink to provide opportunities to young children.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Matt Salacain	Campbell, CA	2012-08-01	I play Adult Hockey at San Mateo Ice Center.
Ryan Ritchie	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-01	I play hockey at this rink. It is my favourite bay area rink and is where I was introduced to this fabulous sport.
Ian Merwin	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-01	This is where I spent majority of my teenage years. I have made many great friends that I will always keep in touch with, and some of the best memories of my life here. It cannot be destroyed.
Susan DeLance	San Jose, CA	2012-08-01	My son played hockey there with the Cougars (which is reason enough) and while the women's hockey league (of which I'm a part) doesn't skate there, I know many people who play in the adult leagues there. But perhaps the biggest (and most important) reason is because in January and February, a group of special education children come to the Ice Center at Bridgepointe to experience ice skating. The Ice Center is the only rink in the area that allows sleds, wheelchairs, and children pushed in chairs on the ice. Seeing the joy from these children as they move across the ice, whether it be from their wheelchair, on a sled, in a chair, or powered by their own feet is one of those feel-good moments for both the children and the volunteers. I ask SPI Holdings to please reconsider their position and keep the Ice Center open.
Nic Wratten	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-01	This place has tons of memory and laughter for me and many others. Please don't tear my favorite place down. :(
Sig Paulazzo	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-01	The rink is necessary for our youth.
Sharon Kirby-Cahill	San Jose, CA	2012-08-01	My daughter has competed at San Mateo Ice rink and now she's a coach at another rink. We know several coaches at this rink who are dedicated to the skating world. It would be a great loss to everyone in the skating community.
Isabelle Bushman	Foster City, CA	2012-08-01	Though my girls no longer skate, I truly believe the ice rink should remain open. Ice skating helped my daughters gain self confidence, competing in competitions throughout the state, including the ISI Worlds Competition before she was even 9 years old. Competing in individual events, in team events and even in shows builds confidence, comraderie and sportsmanship. Don't take this away from the kids. It's nice to have an "indoor" sport available to our kids, a place where they can expend energy on a rainy day. We don't need more shops! Bridgepointe shopping center gets a huge amount of business due to the rink. Frequently during practice, or after, we shop at shops in the Shopping Center, hit up Starbucks for a warm beverage, have a meal at BJs, Red Robin, Mimi's, etc.
Sarah Godar	San Jose, CA	2012-08-01	my cousin was a cougar.
Leesan Kwok	Belmont, CA	2012-08-01	We have enough shops. What we really need is a convenient place for exercise, especially ice skating; We have that now so don't take it away. If you do take it away, you're a bloody idiot.
Chris Walther	Elk Grove, CA	2012-08-01	I was born and raised in San Mateo. I do not believe that venues such as this should be taken away from the community. There are so many positive things in life that are taken from our future generations for the sake of the almighty dollar. What we fail to understand as a society is that life experiences are so much more valuable.
Michael Schmidt	Dublin, CA	2012-08-01	Adult hockey player, plus father of 2 skaters.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Matthew Machlis	Burlingame, CA	2012-08-01	I have been playing hockey, and ice skating with my kids at the Bridgepointe rink for over 10 years. My family also patronizes many of the businesses at Bridgepointe shopping center frequently. I think closing the rink is a terrible idea with serious negative consequences to the community, and if it happens we will avoid the Bridgepointe shopping center and convince as many of our friends as we can to do the same. The rink is very valuable for members of the community, for both exercise and social benefits.
Amanda Levitt	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-01	I grew up in Foster City skating at the old "Fashion Island" ice rink. I now have 3 young sons - and was eager to introduce them to ice skating when they are old enough (in 1-2 years). It would be a great shame to lose this San Mateo asset.
Melquiades Olivares III	brisbane, CA	2012-08-01	Ice rinks are an enclosed, weather controlled athletic space that provide a safe environment for families, teens, and kids of any age. Chain stores create places to spend money, not spend time. Demolishing a community center for more shopping opportunities seems unnecessary.
Robert Schlitter	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-01	I have played hockey here for 10 years....we really need the local ice rink!
Shelley Levine	Pacifica, CA	2012-08-01	The time my son played hockey and later worked at this rink was instrumental in developing his hockey skills (his college hockey career would have been much less likely without his time here) and his ability to take on teen and adult responsibilities. The rink is invaluable, even more so as we encourage our kids to be active and engaged in physical activities. There's no resource that can substitute for this ice rink.
Angela Robertson	Fresno, CA	2012-08-01	My son plays travel hockey in Fresno and we have made numerous trips to play against your team. Every time we go we stay at your hotels, eat at your restaurants and shop at your stores. This is not just my family of 5 but our entire team and their families! If you take away the ice rink you will not only be doing a disservice to your local kids who play there (and have some great teams) but you will be hurting the other businesses with the loss of your travel teams.
Quan Phan	Millbrae, CA	2012-08-01	The San Mateo Ice Center is a very important community center not only for our youths, it is a great place to bring families together in a good social environment and many community events. Provide to our kids a healthy foundation, make beautiful family and create a stronger community - aren't those the right thing to do? We urge our community leaders to careful consider their action.
Mike Chen	E Palo Alto, CA	2012-08-01	As a peninsula hockey player, having the San Mateo rink available makes things so much easier. Since the majority of rinks are in downtown San Jose, one close to home is important for developing the hockey community on the Peninsula. It's clean, well-kept, and well-managed. Don't shut it down!
diane morgan-ogle	foster city, CA	2012-08-01	I taugh both my niece and nephew to skate there and want to also teach my grandchildren,
susan schabinger	el granada, CA	2012-08-01	We NEED healthy fun and affordable places for our kids to go to and ice skating is a great place for them. Please keep it open.
ryan limaye	menlo park, CA	2012-08-01	There are already tons of soccer fields. do not destroy the only area ice rink - especially when the charter specifically calls for "an ice rink" - how many charters call out an ice rink by name. This is very unique and should be saved.
Danine Cozzens	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-01	A shortsighted move for a city that takes the long view. How much money flows into the city from rink patrons from miles around who stay to shop and dine?

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Mary Beth Kelley	Belmont, CA	2012-08-01	It is very important for young boys and girls to exercise. Ice skating and hockey are great sports. Let the children play!!! Please, please do not bulldoze the rink. There are already not enough rinks on the peninsula...
Bradley Whitworth	San Jose, CA	2012-08-01	Because I love hockey and skating.
Mark Braaten	Pleasanton, CA	2012-08-01	We are members of a competing hockey team and have played several games at Bridgepointe. The Cupertino Cougars provide opportunities for boys and girls to play ice hockey, and this rink not only benefits the peninsula, it benefits clubs from outside the area to play and use the city's amenities.
David Cunningham	SAN MATEO, CA	2012-08-01	Removing the Ice Rink to add more stores makes San Mateo a less interesting place to live. City council should be working to make the city better. Having an Ice Rink makes it better.
Steve Bell	Mountain View, CA	2012-08-01	San Mateo Ice Center is where I picked up hockey again, and I've played in leagues there for the past 10 years, paying league fees and typically eating and drinking at establishments in the area either before or after.
Michael Faderan	Bellflower, CA	2012-08-01	For the kids. It brings much more than just newfound talent and hobbies; it brings lifetime friendships and bonds between family and friends that we seldom see. Without the rink, ties are broken and bridges to opportunity will be burned.
Andre Morin	Hillsborough, CA	2012-08-01	Our whole family of 5 are ice skaters and we use Bridgepointe ice rink for ice skating, B-Day Parties, Ice Hockey. There is a need for this ice rink so please do not allow this place to be taken away! This place is wonderful and unique! We just don't have enough ice rink for the peninsula area and I know of many other people who drive from across the Bay to use this facility.
Gianna Lum	Hillborough, CA	2012-08-01	I have been a figure skater at this rink since I was four years old. My family is moving across the county next week, but I expect to still skate there next summer when I come back to visit. This place has taught me so much, and I consider it my second home and the community here like family!
Helen Shaughnessy	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-01	There is already a limited amount of ice slots in this area, particularly ones on regulation size rinks. Loosing the San Mateo rink would have huge impact on hockey players and ice skaters through out the entire Bay Area. It will reduce opportunities to skate and increase ice fees for everyone.
Luda Shvarts	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-01	My daughter loves to use. People should shop less and spend more time to be active! Keep San Mateo rink for us!!!!
James Dybalski	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-01	Ice rinks help kids develop skills, character, and self esteem in a way that is unique. It helps encourage quality family time that is not in front of the TV.
Christine Douglas	Foster City, CA	2012-08-01	I waited my whole life to be closer than 45 mins from an ice-rink. Now I live 10 mins from it and someone wants to close it. I was so excited that my kids would have opportunities I never had. My only advice is that they make it more affordable for families. \$40+ for a family when kids mainly stay for about an hour. Belmont at least has \$5 Friday nights. If San Mateo closes Belmont will be so crowded and a nightmare. We need to keep this one! We have enough stores. It's not just about tax revenue and profits. People live here and want access to things like this.
Andrew Cope	Menlo Park, CA	2012-08-02	I played many seasons of adult hockey at this rink and loved every minute of it. There aren't nearly enough rinks in the area to support the great interest in hockey, especially amongst kids. We need more sports and recreation space, not less.
Andre Blanc	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-02	PHA hockey player. Don't take the great sport of hockey away from our community!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Dean Coit	Millbrae, CA	2012-08-02	Because my family uses this rink at least 4 times a week. My brother, son, daughter and I all use the rink and have for years. Unless another rink is built between SF and Belmont to replace this one (keeping the same programs (which are not available at the other local rinks)) our family and friends will suffer for this decision. Closing the rink without replacing it locally would be a devastating blow to the community.
Jo Arneson	Belmont, CA	2012-08-02	San Mateo County has already lost too many recreational and leisure activities--Marine World, Circle Star Theater, miniature golf, Bay Meadows, golf at Bay Meadows, out door theater...We especially need worthwhile activities for young people. Nothing to do promotes mischief. Any form of skating has all sorts of benefits.
Paula Kiaski	Scotts Valley, CA	2012-08-02	For 6 years this facility was "our home away from home." Both of our sons played with the California Cougars. We commuted from the Santa Cruz area an average of 6 days a week because this program was worth the extra effort. Please uphold the vision of the previous San Mateo City Council and refuse SPI's request. Your community and the Bay Area need this facility.
Brad Whitworth	Los Altos, CA	2012-08-02	My son played at the San Mateo rink during his junior high and high school years on a team that won a state championship. Do NOT let this valuable community asset go away.
Ilana Gauss	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-02	I remember playing broomball on this rink when it was Fashion Island! Please don't close it down forever!
Marah Curry	Foster City, CA	2012-08-02	My children had the opportunity to take lessons there and it provides a great recreational outlet for the whole community! We don't need anymore strip mall type stores - we need places and activities to help people exercise and stay fit!!!!
Marc Lanthier	Copperopolis, CA	2012-08-02	I played Ice Hockey there, this is a great Ice Rink.
Jeanie Mascia	Sacramento, CA	2012-08-02	Because I grew up in the bay area, and I know there aren't very many ice rinks down there, so we need to keep the few we have. We also don't need more retail stores. We need places for kids and adults to participate in physical activities!!!
Raena Lavelle	San Jose, CA	2012-08-02	I spent 5 years of my youth commuting from San Jose, only to skate at bridgepointe ice center, and in the mean time shopping at surrounding businesses. The rink gave me a safe, clean, welcoming atmosphere to grow up in and I thank the city of San Mateo for giving that to me. It saddens me to think kids in San Mateo and surrounding neighborhoods won't have the same experience because the rink might be torn down. Please consider the positive impact the rink has had before making your decision.
Christine Swanson	Santa Clara, CA	2012-08-02	The ONLY reason I come to San Mateo is to use the rink and when my 2 kids are skating. I usually shop in the nearby stores during this time. Otherwise I have no other reason to drive 40+ miles on a regular basis. Thank you to reconsider eliminating this great sports complex at a time when obesity is high.
Siva Ananmalay	San Jose, CA	2012-08-02	This rink means a lot to ENTIRE Bay area, not just San Mateo.
jake frey	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-03	i pay hockey here and its like my home
tony vlcek	modesto, CA	2012-08-03	I played hockey growing up. My kids are learning to play. Currently we have to travel many miles to skate and play this fantastic game. A closure means more people travel further distances again, making it harder to give kids this opportunity. Please keep it open!
Dave Lake	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-03	Taking this valuable & unique opportunity away from the community would be a real shame.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Peter Sumulong	San Diego, CA	2012-08-03	Hockey is important to my nephew.
Miguel Balboa	Daly City, CA	2012-08-03	My son spent much time here, under the supervision of Mario Morrisette and Aaron Mullaugh, instead of hanging out on the streets, and he is better for it.
Diana McAllister	Pacifica, CA	2012-08-03	My friend's brother plays hockey there and a large group of my friends and I go skating there every year for the holidays. It would be a shame to lose something so rare for another depressing strip mall.
Teri Graham	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-03	This was the rink when I learned how to skate, and dreamed of being a figure skater. This sport has helped me through a lot of personal issues growing up, and became a major part of my life. I can't imagine how many little kids are going to be heart broken if this rink were to close.
Michelle Fontanosa-Yee	South San Francisco, CA	2012-08-03	My husband plays hockey here. He enjoys it so much, and he's looking forward to skating there with our 3-year old son. This ice rink is special (a San Mateo landmark). Please keep it, and we will bring more business to the surrounding stores and restaurants. The hockey teams eat at the restaurants there after most games!
Danielle Rosenduft	Belmont, CA	2012-08-03	The rink is my second home. My brother plays hockey there and I free skate there all the time, I'm always at the rink and it would kill me to see it close.
Kathie Steinwinter	Aliso Viejo, CA	2012-08-03	Although not currently living in San Mateo due to work, I am a San Mateo native and my daughter grew up and learned to skate at ICM. She didn't just learn to skate, she learned about discipline, patience, loyalty, teamwork and friendship....and 11 years later she is still skating and competing. Although we are in Southern CA, some of our closest friends are still the families and coaches we met when she was 4 and 5 at Ice Center San Mateo. As I recall when the old mall was torn down, the stipulation was that the rink be saved; not sure why that has changed.
jacquelyn dawdy	Chapel Hill, NC	2012-08-03	I grew up skating at this rink, and then worked there in my early 20s. This rink is such a great place for everyone and everyone is family there. Why would you ever want to tear apart a family?
Kevin Lansing	Half Moon Bay, CA	2012-08-03	This facility promotes physical fitness for youth and is a unique resource for the entire Peninsula. Don't squander this resource for more un-needed retail space that will do nothing to promote health among kids.
scott anderson	Palo Alto, CA	2012-08-04	<p>i sign this because i like to skate. i don't like to drive.</p> <p>there are 2 turf soccer fields within walking distance of my house. this is a lot easier to get to.</p> <p>sometimes, after i skate, i like to go to BJ's and sports authority.</p> <p>after i go to bj's, i almost always take the family to the rink to see who's skating.</p>

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Karen Wong	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-04	<p>ICSM literally was my second home back when I competed in figure skating as a teen. I spent more awake hours at the rink than I did at my own house. My friends and I would go straight to the rink from school for practice, do our homework there, eat our dinners there, and then hit the ice for a second round of practice. At the peak of my competitive years, I basically went home only to shower and sleep. The rink was my life. And now, 5 years after my last competition there, ICSM still is my second home. To tear it down would mean tearing down all the memories I've made there with my fellow skaters and coaches. This rink means a lot to me and everyone else who trains there. In terms of region, it's the only one that is locally convenient for residents of San Mateo and skaters alike. This is one of the best training rinks in the Bay Area; the ice is always kept smooth and well-cut for both hockey skaters and figure skaters. The staff there knows exactly how to cater to each sports' needs. It's incredibly hard to find a skating rink these days with QUALITY ice. Ice quality makes a HUGE difference for skaters' and people are willing to pay more to skate at a rink that can actually meet their needs. Installing new turf at an already existing soccer field does not even come close to compensating for the loss of this rink. The turf benefits a completely different sport, and it's a rather small benefit in comparison to a grass field. San Mateo has a very limited variety of recreational areas compared to other counties, and the ice rink plays a major part in making our community stand out. I honestly feel that losing this ice rink would bring our quality of leisure down drastically. Since I've moved to Irvine in Southern California for college, I know what it feels like to live in a city that has suffered the loss of an ice rink. Irvine had theirs torn down back in 2000 and converted into a synagogue. The building still has the architecture of an ice rink, and it breaks my heart to drive past it on my way to class every day wondering about what could have been if the city had kept the rink. Similar to the Bay Area, it is rare to find ice rinks in Orange County. No matter where you live, an ice rink attracts people from cities all over, even those who may have to drive hour-long commutes just to get to the nearest rink. This goes for both people going to the rink simply for a day of fun as much as it does for the serious skater. So please, don't tear down the Ice Center of San Mateo. It is an incredibly amazing ice facility, and an incredibly amazing second home for many skaters and their families.</p>
Rex Grignon	Palo Alto, CA	2012-08-04	It's a great rink! I play there every week!
Tim Scally	Rohnert Park, CA	2012-08-04	My son plays travel hockey, and we frequently have competitions at the Bridgepointe rink. It is a nice facility, and in a great location. It is always a very busy place, used by not only the local community, but also by the greater Bay Area community. It would be a travesty to lose this rink.
Marissa Wong	South San Francisco, CA	2012-08-04	save the rink
Bernice Kish	Columbia, MD	2012-08-04	I have watched my granddaughters in competitions at the rink and other places - I would hate to see such a valuable asset gone and opportunities for children to learn to skate and compete. It's a wonderful sport for all. Please keep it open. I look forward to it everytime I visit.
Sarah Graham-Helwig	Foster City, CA	2012-08-05	LOVE the rink
Matthew Wu	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-05	The number of skating rinks in the area are going down. I also know a few kids on the Cougars who skate almost daily.
Jacqueline Gutierrez	Arnold, CA	2012-08-05	To help our friend whose son plays hockey at the rink.
Nickola Milkovski	belmont, CA	2012-08-05	Used to play hockey there and would love to go back one day

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Evan Radkey	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-06	Played Cougars hockey for about 7 years. Had tons of quality memories and learning experiences. Always had friendly coaches and great staff. This rink was a solid part of my childhood and I would hate to see it taken away.
Joseph NaNongkai	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-06	Why stop and ruin a good thing?!?!?!?
Hargita Kaplan	Fremont, CA	2012-08-06	Kids need more places like the rink to socialize and exercise, not less. Far too often are we getting rid of places like the rink where families can get together with other families and spend some quality time playing and socializing.
John Gary	Boulder, CO	2012-08-06	Commercial profit taking preference over community interests, as usual. Turf is a poor trade-off for the rink. Our grandson benefits greatly from the hockey experience which may be lost without the rink.
Charlotte Shimada	San Jose, CA	2012-08-06	Not enough rinks in the Bay Area to support demand. I also help out with the yearly Special Needs Skating program. Hundreds of kids will be broken hearted that they won't be able to skate here if closed
John Barich	Martinez, CA	2012-08-06	I've been playing hockey there since it opened and would hate to have to go elsewhere.
Karlisa Aronson	Westlake Village, CA	2012-08-06	Supporting my friends who actively use the facility.
Matt Wong	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-06	Ice hockey in the Bay Area is burgeoning; any steps to quell it for additional retail space would be detrimental to the community. I can literally attribute youth ice hockey and it's associated connections, benefits, and lessons and one of the prime reasons I was able to attend Stanford University and obtain a job at a top company in the Bay Area.
Brian Salomaki	Dublin, Ireland	2012-08-06	After moving from the Bay Area to a city with no ice rink (Dublin, Ireland) I have realized the value of the community and the appeal of hockey and figure skating as unique beyond other supports. Even now the Bay Area needs more rinks, not fewer.
Curtis Chen	Belmont, CA	2012-08-06	I have a 9 yr-old son and 12-yr old son that both play hockey at Bridgepointe. I also play hockey at Bridgepointe twice a week. There is not enough ice in the Bay Area to accommodate all the demand right now. It will be extremely difficult, if not impossible to continue all the programs offered, if the rink were allowed to cease operations.
CARALEE CLARKE	Santa Clara, CA	2012-08-06	Hockey is an integral part of our Bay Area community. Ice time is incredibly difficult to come by - if you play football or baseball, a place to practice is only a high school away. If you want to practice your hockey skills, you have to go to a scheduled "stick and shoot" and pay \$10 - \$15. Losing one rink is losing hundreds of hours of practice ice per month, and we can't afford that.
Gilbert Mesec	Menlo Park, CA	2012-08-06	There are enough strip malls in the world. Kids young and old need a place to play.
Frederic Kerrest	Oakland, CA	2012-08-06	Hockey is a great team sport that teaches children a lot about teamwork, communication and achievement - while showing them that physical exercise is healthy and fun!
David Lundberg	Dublin, CA	2012-08-06	This rink is the only ice-facility in the area. It is a great rink, and my family and I shop/eat in the shops around the rink before or after games.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Christian Prescott	San Jose, CA	2012-08-06	Hockey is my nephew's favorite sport. He has made a lot of friends, and learned a lot about team sports from playing at that rink. Since hockey rinks are not common at all in our area (such as a baseball or soccer field), the removal of this rink would be impacting a lot of children in a negative way. Instead of tearing down places like this, society should be focusing on ways to keep our youth out of trouble, and maintaining places where skills such as teamwork and mental toughness can be developed. It's a shame that the feelings of these children & their parents are disregarded.
Cynthia Arndt	El Dorado Hills, CA	2012-08-07	My son played on the cougar in-house program and it is a wonderful rink. Our friends kids are still playing hockey there.
Glenn Filson	Sunnyvale, CA	2012-08-07	Hockey is an amazing outlet for our youth and adults.
Tina Quinto	San Jose, CA	2012-08-07	I play hockey in the Bay Area and we need this rink, as it's one of the best. The community value of a ice hockey rink is so much higher than a commercial store.
Oleg Tomillo	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-07	Please don't demolish the rink!
Cara Weitzsacker	Castro Valley, CA	2012-08-07	There is not enough ice in this area - can't afford to lose any of the existing ice - what we DON'T need is another set of stores that is the same as one just a couple miles down the road.
Michael Carion	Pacifica, CA	2012-08-07	The closing of a public facility such as this sports arena would be a horrible loss to the community and youth sports programs.
Jeremy Tabora	New Rochelle, NY	2012-08-07	My nephew plays in that rink, for the cougars!
Dennis Molina	Fort Worth, TX	2012-08-07	You gonna take away the ice rink but keep the 49'ers?
Hanna Hoffman	palo Alto, CA	2012-08-07	Closing this rink in favor of more retail is a slap in the face of the communities around. If this goes forward I will recommend an all out boycott of the shopping center. That's what we mean when we talk about the 1% sticking it to the 99%. Spi does not give a hoot about people, only about consumers. Hopefully this will not be approved!
Chris Stovall	Belmont, CA	2012-08-07	I love playing I've hockey and many others do too. The ice hockey culture is very family oriented and friendly. A great asset to our community.
Justin Golden	Huntington Beach, CA	2012-08-07	Hockey changes lives. Organized sports for children keeps them active, healthy and shows them a great life lesson, teamwork. A lot of kids sit home these days and play video games...even more will now with this rink closing. Please keep it open and continue to change children's lives. Thank you.
Taehee Cho	Palo Alto, CA	2012-08-07	My 7 and 4 year old kids have been growing their dreams 7 hours a week on the rink. Please don't destroy their dreams.
Hank Liao	New York, NY	2012-08-07	I started playing hockey here.
Scott Corneliussen	Fargo, ND	2012-08-07	Because every kid should be able to play hockey. It is one of the best sports out there and teaches life lessons.
Mike Bruno	Fremont, CA	2012-08-07	I have enjoyed playing ice hockey at this facility for over 10 years
Michael Gendler	Foster City, CA	2012-08-07	We don't need more shops. I grew up playing on that rink and I don't want it taken away.
Ryan Tom	Los Angeles, CA	2012-08-07	This is where I learned to skate, and often go with friends. It's a great place to socialize, and just unwind.
Jack Boland	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-07	Keep the kids on the ice and off the street. I am 30 year , just retired San Bruno policeman. I know the value of the ice rink for this community.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Cheryl Wentz	Irvine, CA	2012-08-07	Because of rinks like this in the area, my son was able to play hockey and make it to the national championships. We already lost the Eastridge Mall rink, please don't let us lose another.
Rich Wilcox	Pleasanton, CA	2012-08-07	The closure of the Ice Chalet at Bridgepointe will not only affect those who use the facility on a regular basis but others as well. As a long time supporter of youth ice hockey, I can attest to the fact that the loss of several ice skating facilities over the last 20 years has severely impacted those of us who enjoy ice sports. Closing another facility will not only cause an over-crowding at other facilities but add to congestion on Bay Area roads as people will now be forced to drive long distances in search of an ice surface to use. I urge you to do your homework and think long and hard before voting to approve SPI Holdings application. This facility adds a valuable amenity to the shopping center that few others can claim. Do we really need more clothing and shoe stores?
Julie Shamblin	Livermore, CA	2012-08-07	Youth hockey is important to the kids, so much space and activities are being taken away from them. The kids need safe places to go and sports to play. There isn't enough ice rinks in the bay area for kids please don't take one more away.
Kevin Farino	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-07	I love hockey and this is the only rink with a morning skate. It makes me feel great all day long and I wouldn't be nearly as healthy without it.
Sharlane Christy	Stockton, CA	2012-08-07	Not enough ice rinks in the bay area for a growing sport.
Justin Ellison	Sacramento, CA	2012-08-08	For the love of hockey
Kyle Kiaski	Sacramento, CA	2012-08-08	I grew up playing at this rink and still play there every year. This rink was my life for many years, and still is to those who continue to play there.
Nilou Mostarshed	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-08	Save the rink!
Jake Spiegler	Golden, CO	2012-08-08	Ice rinks are important especially when there aren't other types of recreation available
marianne baldetti	walnut creek, CA	2012-08-08	It is a recreational asset to the city of San Mateo to keep this ice rink. It serves a wide range of age groups in the community.
Ralph Barker	El Paso, TX	2012-08-08	At what point do you realize quality of life is more important what ever benefit you may get from a restroom?
Michael Ireland	Turlock, CA	2012-08-08	There's not enough ice (rinks) in the area; we need San Mateo to stay open!!!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Whitman Kwok	Foster City, CA	2012-08-08	<p>I was born and raised in Foster City and have fond memories of skating and birthday parties at this rink and am glad that long after Fashion Island met its demise (how many more stores do we really need) that the rink has continued to survive.</p> <p>After working abroad and living all over the States, my wife and I both moved back to Foster City to raise our family. The rink is our home away from home as we happily spend more than 10 hours a week as a family for hockey (yes my daughter plays too), figure skating, bay skating and free skating. It's been a continued source for new friends, relationships and of course community.</p> <p>And while the financial considerations should be secondary, we're dealing with a commercial entity so I will say that most of the parents I know eat, shop, purchase hot chocolate (to keep them and their kids warm) and support the stores at Bridgepointe while watching games or waiting for practice to finish. As a commercial enterprise, SPI has to look for reasons for people to spend money and having a rink provides a unique experience. Adding more stores in lieu of the rink just makes this another one of dozens of shopping centers and malls along the peninsula all trying to get a piece of a fixed pie of discretionary spending.</p>
Joann Walsh	Mountain House, CA	2012-08-08	I want my grandson to be able to continue playing hockey without having to travel even further to do so. He loves the sport and it would be a hardship on his family to have to travel even further away from home.
Robyn Frenberg	Dublin, CA	2012-08-08	Skating is an excellent form of exercise, and ice rinks foster strong communities. There are already too few ice rinks in the Bay Area. We can't lose this one.
Anna Barker	El Paso, TX	2012-08-08	Don't take away an excellent place for our kids to get exercise! We don't need more obese kids with health problems! Chain stores can always find another place to locate!
Don Robertson	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-08	Local resident who supports the youth activities at the center
Melisa Doyle	Danville, CA	2012-08-08	Hockey and figure skating are growing sports, kids with so much potential are going to be left out. Ice time as precious in all the Bay Area.
Shaun Crawford	San Ramon, CA	2012-08-08	Bay Area does not have enough ice time for the growing population of young Hockey Players. Hockey and public skates have been a great way for my son to get away from TV and video games, stay in shape and stay out of trouble. I want others kids to have the same opportunity.
Rich Rodgers	Livermore, CA	2012-08-08	Ice Hockey is flourishing in NorCal. Current facilities cannot handle the number of kids who have interest. We need more rinks so this great sport can continue to grow.
Jonathan delantoni	La Honda, CA	2012-08-08	my friend is a skater and she will have no where else to be able to skate and why do u need more shopping stores
James Marushin	Fairmont, MN	2012-08-09	You can play soccer in any field but it takes a special place to play the wonderful game of hockey! KEEP THE RINK!
david morkin	san ramon, CA	2012-08-09	hockey,figure skate,KIDS KIDS KIDS...
Jared Wilhelmi	Devils Lake, ND	2012-08-09	Hockey should be available to youth everywhere. Don't you think we have enough retail space already?
Jay Selvaag	St. Paul, MN	2012-08-09	Hockey rinks are rare and need to be preserved in California. Don't take this great sport away from those who use the rink!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Michael Ackley	Gilby, ND	2012-08-09	Because hockey is the single greatest sport in the world. It encourages teamwork while also allowing the individual to shine. The hockey community is a close knit one. The love & passion its fans how to each other & to the players & teams is outstanding. Don't take their ice away.
Scott & Laura Hazelton	Foster city,, CA	2012-08-09	Our daughter first ice skated at Fashion Island at age 3 when the rink was suddenly closed in the middle of Christmas Show rehearsals. We fought the developer of Bridgepoint to keep the Ice Rink in the plans for Bridgepointe. We believe the 15 years of skating and competing nationally and internationally provided her the discipline to get her BA degree, career, and to develop as a productive, positive citizen. Without a balance in our County and community of education, commerce, business, religion, health and safety and RECREATION it may become a less desirable place to live and work. It is important to keep the ICE RINK that citizens of all ages can enjoy. Perhaps a bowling alley can replace the adjacent restaurant as well! I hope our concern is heard!
Brandon Geist	Denver, CO	2012-08-09	hockey is an amazing sport. Don't close down this opportunity for youth
Emilie W	Woodbury, MN	2012-08-09	All kids should have access to an ice arena. With a California hockey team winning the Stanley Cup this year, interest and revenue will only increase
Connie MacRostie	St. Paul, MN	2012-08-09	My daughter has been playing hockey since she was six years old, and it has been her favorite sport ever since. She played soccer and softball--both starting when she was four, but hockey is the one she STILL plays--now 22 years old. Please let other kids experience the joy of hockey!
Jesse De St. Hubert	Webster, MN	2012-08-10	Hockey is an amazing sport that builds a team mentality, incredible work ethic, and creates a family out of the players and parents.
Gayathri Srinivasan	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-10	My Daughter loves her class and enjoys her ice time.The staff are so friendly its like family.We don't want our family to be taken away!
Ryan Medina	San Jose, CA	2012-08-10	Hockey is a way of life. Even if I don't live in San Mateo, it is still taking away a way of life for a lot of people.
Peter Dotchev	Sofia, Bulgaria	2012-08-10	People don't often realize it, but it's diversity that drives people forward. Demolishing an ice rinks means destroying a chance for a diversity. An amateur ice hockey player here, who would be happy to see the San Mateo Ice Center stay and provide the local kids and families with all the joy related to ice sports
Anne Brocchini	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-10	This skating rink has provided my kids with lessons through San Mateo recreation dept which have been instrumental in getting them to ice skate. In addition, the Ice Skating nights (fundraising events) for both Girl Scouts & the public school provide fantastic opportunities for community building and also fundraising. I would hate to lose this ice skating rink.
Nathaniel Murphy	signal hill, CA	2012-08-10	Hockey is my passion in life, it is something that I strongly feel needs to be expanded and shared with not reduced and hidden. I am signing this because I want this Ice center to stay open and have kids and familys enjoy what can only be provided by this Ice Rink.
Jeff Fredericks	Los Gatos, CA	2012-08-10	My son played hockey here for two years. It is one of the best rinks in the Bay Area with a great youth hockey program. Figure out a way to make it work. Maybe have the Sharks take it over as they have done at other rinks.
Rishi Narain	San Jose, CA	2012-08-10	Turning a community space into retails pace is incredibly short sighted. I'm shocked that the city is considering this. The notion that a bathroom can replace an ice rink is absurd. That such a blatant cash grab isn't being seen for what it is is shameful.
Buck Fullerton	Les Pennes Mirabeau, France	2012-08-10	Save the rink!!!!!!!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Roger Godin	St. Paul, MN	2012-08-10	Supporting the game in non-traditional areas, but let's get those kids in USA Hockey jerseys!
Matt N.	Etobicoke, Canada	2012-08-10	Keep California hockey strong! The NHL is just now seeing its first players from California, and between recent Cup wins in Anaheim and Los Angeles, the sport is getting HUGE in the state! You think you're just tearing down a building, but you're also tearing down the dreams of hundreds if not THOUSANDS of California children and youths. Keep the Bridgeport Ice Rink!
Zack Markowitz	San Diego, CA	2012-08-10	I'm a huge hockey fan from California!
Jerry Palo	Pasadena, CA	2012-08-10	I support my fellow hockey players in California. Closing another rink will not help the game grow.
Joe Nowak	Toronto, Canada	2012-08-10	As a former San Jose resident who grew up with only a couple options for skating let alone hockey, I feel you need to keep the rinks open to help the kids be able to play such an amazing sport such as hockey.
Tyler Runyon	Champaign, IL	2012-08-10	I'm in the Midwest. In central Illinois where there weren't many rinks. I grew up playing at the U of I rink. It's an incredible sport. The best. I'm a huge sharks fan since the late 90's, so I love to see hockey growing all around the US. The most exciting sport to watch and even better to play! Go to 3 Sharks games/year in St. Louis and Chicago.
Sean Volheim	Campbell, CA	2012-08-10	I play hockey there
Ethan Douglas	Kensington, CA	2012-08-10	I believe that ice rinks are a rarity in this area and it is my wish that hockey continue to flourish. Without rinks (whether they are local or semi-local) need support of the public so that they can remain operational. I may move to San Mateo in the future to raise a family, and if I do, an ice rink will be an important facility in the development of my children.
Reginald Thompson	San Jose, CA	2012-08-10	San Mateo elected representative, please ask yourself this - do you want the youth of your city involved in activities like hockey, figure skating, broomball or other athletic pursuits, or do you want them hanging out at "retail space"? Your answer will say a lot about how you view the future of San Mateo (and for its sake, I hope you picked athletic pursuits). Please keep the rink open.
Jung Kim	Richmond, CA	2012-08-10	we have enough soccer facilities compare to ice rinks - I play soccer and my daughter skates. we need more ice rinks than soccer (or retail).
Robert Burrows	walnut creek, United States Minor Outlying Islands	2012-08-10	The San Mateo Ice Rink is a great facility. I coached many teams who played there and don't remember there ever being an issue of finding players to play or a shortage or interest in buying up ice time. It would be a shame if another rink closes in the Bay Area.
Scott Pignatelli	Troy, NY	2012-08-10	I am a san jose sharks fan and I plan on relocating to the bay area within the next couple of years. I'd like there to be public rinks available to play hockey when i get there. By taking away a hockey rink in a warm weather market, you're taking away some childrens chance to succeed at a sport they love, and a chance for the rest of us to share the sport we love with our children some day. .
Chad Arnesen	APO AE, Afghanistan	2012-08-10	Kids deserve hockey. Plain and simple.
Lyn Burrows	Walnut Creek, Canada	2012-08-10	hockey rinks = healthy shaping of young lives
Patrick Kelly	San Jose, CA	2012-08-10	Ice rinks are a precious commodity in California and taking one away will rob many people of a unique opportunity.
Brian Duffy	Orinda, CA	2012-08-10	Because I love hockey and want children everywhere to have the opportunity to play the greatest sport in the world.
Kimberly McCord	Los Gatos, CA	2012-08-10	As another brand-new bay area hockey fan, I really hope ice sports continue to grow and thrive here.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Calvin Mendel	Indianapolis, IN	2012-08-10	Though I am from Indiana, I follow the Sharks intensely, and have driven past this rink many times on my visits to the area. Hockey is on the upswing as a whole in the area; taking away opportunity for young players to grow and blossom would be unjust to both the citizens of the area and the sport of hockey as a whole.
TJ OMelia	West Islip, NY	2012-08-10	Hockey is one of the best sports that we play here in America. We dont need more soccer fields, especially in California. I agree with these concerned parents, having a unique place like an ice rink in SUNNY CALIFORNIA is special. Lets the kids play HOCKEY. NO more soccer fields needed. There are many grassy fields where they can play
Josh Herman	foster city, CA	2012-08-10	i learned to skate here, and there needs to be a rink here..... people are taking rinks down all over the US...
Mikael Olsson	Cupertino, CA	2012-08-10	The San Mateo Ice Center is a great rink that provides all along the penninsula the opportunity to ice skate and play hockey offering a distinct sport that differs from traditional soccer. It allows for kids ranging from San Mateo all the way up to Pleasanton an opportunity to play. This rink has become a staple in San Mateo and must remain open!
Michael Beerer	Los Gatos, CA	2012-08-10	I use this rink weekly. It is a great asset to the community.
Pam Fisher	San Jose, CA	2012-08-10	In this day and age people need to exercise any way they can and skating and Hockey use ever muscle in the body and it's fun. Everyone need to make thier own choice in activities and it shouldn't be a shopping malls business to choose for us ..these people are putting a business out of business at a time when we need jobs.
David Mollard	San Ramon, CA	2012-08-10	Ice sports continue to grow in the Bay Area and ice time is limited enough as it is.
Eric Su	San Carlos, Italy	2012-08-10	Kids use the ice rink...great facility and location!
Andrew Chan	Santa Cruz, CA	2012-08-10	I drive all the way from Santa Cruz weekly to play in the PHA hockey league with my hockey team The Warriors which has been in continuous existence for 20+ years. Taking away such a great ice facility will mean less choices for where I can play. Please please do not shut down the rink. It is a unique venue and any nearby rinks are much smaller.
Robert Baccei	San Carlos, CA	2012-08-10	I play adult hockey at this rink
Joseph Durso	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-10	I have been playing Hockey since I was 11 and love the sport. It would be a tragedy for others to not enjoy this great sport.
Matthew Bourdet	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-10	I grew up in San Mateo, patronizing the Fashion Island mall, and loved the ice rink. When they tore down the mall, I was so glad to see they retained the rink. Now, I play in an Adult Recreational Hockey League at Bridgepoint. Losing this rink would mean losing our team, as well as many of the other adult and youth hockey teams and up and coming figure skaters. This is a unique, profitable recreation facility in an area that needs them.
Bradley Phillipps	Everett, WA	2012-08-10	The You Can Play project exists for a reason, and that is to allow everyone to play ice hockey and figure skating etc. If the ice rink is taken away, such efforts from the professionals who spread the popularity of ice sports will be diminished
Eric Wong	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-11	It is one of the few easily accessible ice skating rinks in the Bay Area -- convenient for people coming down from San Francisco or up from San Jose. If the ice rink closes, there will be many fewer reasons for me to ever go to visit (and yes, shop and spend my monye in) San Mateo.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Vince Aiello	YUCAIPA, CA	2012-08-11	I'm signing this petition to ask you to please keep the rink open. I worked there from 1984-86 and saw first hand how popular the rink was and the joy it brought to so many! Don't let this become another Rolladium!
Richard Mangini	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-11	At the age of 63, I have been playing in this league for nearly 10 years. I come to San Mateo 2-3 times a week to play and usually shop and eat at the shopping center. Ice rinks are limited on the Peninsula and to lose one of them would probably cause our league to dissolve..
Caspian Anderson	blaine, MN	2012-08-11	Being from California, shockingly my favorite team sport is hockey. I will support it anyway possible. Good luck to San Mateo area parents and children to have year round hockey.
Ronniann Edwards	Mesa, AZ	2012-08-11	A hockey rink has way more reasons to be there than a shopping center.
Dennis Chapman	Ben Lomond, CA	2012-08-11	My son played for the Cougars and we spent many hours both in the rink and the neighboring retail establishments.
Matthew Jansing	Antioch, CA	2012-08-11	The absence of this rink would absolutely cripple the chance for anybody in that community to play ice hockey as a child
Sean Ellis	San Bruno, CA	2012-08-11	An Ice Rink is an important community asset.
Jon Bakkedahl	Deer River, MN	2012-08-11	I do not believe in taking away any facility for kids is ever a good thing.
Richard Eisenberg	Reno, NV	2012-08-11	As a native San Mateo County resident; keep the ice rink!.....We lost our rink in Reno years ago & it never returned. The rink adds to the community; including building youth character.
erik cuenca	San Jose, CA	2012-08-11	we need MORE ice rinks! NOT LESS!!!
Lori Stonem	San Ramon, CA	2012-08-11	Promoting and hosting a place for youth sports is IMPERATIVE for the health of the community, not only immediately, but also those (like us) who travel to it to play competitive ice hockey. This rink is a wonderful "get away" place for so many people, especially young adults, and privdes a SAFE and HEALTHY environment. Putting a retail space here would only encourage kids to loiter, spend money on things they don't need, and take away a place to exercise that helps in the fight against obesity. Bridgepointe is one of the only places to play ice hockey in the entire peninsula area- taking this away would mean greatly reducing the number of kids everywhere who could play this wonderful sport, as there is already such limited ice in the Bay Area.
Brian Langley	San Jose, CA	2012-08-11	Cities spend millions to help business (ie. redevelopment), 100's of millions to attract pro sports team for adults to play, why not help kids potentially develop into Olympic stars. Maybe you want them hanging out on the street, or better yet, shopping ;{
Karen Chin	Millbrae, CA	2012-08-11	Our kids really enjoy this ice rink as it is the best local rink around. It is a large part of our community and we would like to see it stay.
Lisa Harrigan	San Jose, CA	2012-08-11	My Grandsons learned hockey on this rink. The family still goes there to enjoy skating. It is a great place, don't take it away.
Bryan Nguyen	San Jose, CA	2012-08-11	Hockey is my favorite sport. I want kids of all sizes and ages to be able to play this beautiful sport. Keep the rink!
Mary Alice Pearce	Half Moon Bay, CA	2012-08-11	Skating is just as important as soccer
Joseph Bento	Pleasant Grove, UT	2012-08-12	I was born and raised in San Mateo. My first real job was at the old Ice Capades at (then) Fashion Island. I enlisted in the Navy in 1983 where I spent 10 years. During that time, Fashion Island was torn down and much later the construction of the new ice rink began. Not long after, I moved to Utah. San Mateo needs this ice rink. Though it was Ice Capades at the time, I have wonderful memories of this venue.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Peter Maisonpierre	Belmont, CA	2012-08-12	I love Bridgepointe Ice Rink -- and I also want to see more home-grown, young CA hockey players in the future.
David Rosen	Scotts Valley, CA	2012-08-12	Hockey is one of the best sports in the world, we must encourage its growth, not hinder it.
Matt Raimi	Berkeley, CA	2012-08-12	Skating and hockey play an important role in the development of many kids. I'm an urban planner and cities are continually planning for new facilities where youth can hang out. The ice rink is such a place and may never be replaced if closed. I urge you to keep the rink open.
Gary Whitney	Belmont, CA	2012-08-12	When can you go to find an ice skating rink. They are few and far between. It serves the community well. besides it was stipulated in their contract whenthey bought the place. we do not need anymore retail.
Sohail Daniel	Poitiers, France	2012-08-13	I don't live in CA (even not in the USA btw), I don't have kids, I don't even know where San Mateo is located but, come on, saving something that'll bring KIDS (For the people who want to replace the rink, I mean: not bored old guys who wander without any goal wherever they go, I mean...KIDS. What does have more value than kids' smiles ?) feelings that only sports can bring is more important than others stores or stuffs like that. I never really played hockey (I wish I did more, though) and was a soccer player but hockey is just so awesome to watch and to practice...I hope this petition will succeed for all those kids and families. Go Sharks and Go each-rink-all over-the-world!
Scott Grimm	Mission Viejo, CA	2012-08-13	It's awesome to be able to play hockey in california year around and shouldn't be closed due to retail outlets!
Kathleen Yang	Foster City, CA	2012-08-13	Ice skater
Kevin Pope	Redding, CA	2012-08-13	<p>I grew up in the bay area at a time we didn't really have ice rinks or hockey readily available. I struggled to find a sport that I could really get into before the Sharks got me hooked. A few years later the skating center in Vacaville opened up and I've been playing ice hockey ever since.</p> <p>I've used the San Mateo facility in question a few times when I came down to substitute in league games for friends or just to skate with them when I'm in town. I absolutely love the location of the rink and the facilities are some of the best I've used/seen in the state of California.</p> <p>Growing up in the East Bay I remember coming out to Marine World and how crushed I was when I heard they were closing and moving the park. The reasoning behind that was the same as this if I recall with the space was set to be converted into a business park. What you have in San Mateo is a very special facility with a lot of memories to it that mean something to the community. Taking that away to build something in its place that will just blend in with the standard will absolutely impact part of what makes San Mateo stand out.</p> <p>Please reconsider the decision to close this facility and thank you for your time.</p>
Hadyn Schwinn	Cobb, CA	2012-08-14	Because we have Snoopys and we need the Competition, Plus its HOCKEY silly.
John Beltramo	Palo Alto, CA	2012-08-14	My 7 year old son skates there
Gil Rosoff	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-14	Ice skating, either recreational or competitive, is good for the persons involved as well as the community. GSR

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Danish Cruda	South San Francisco, CA	2012-08-14	The rink is filled with amazing staff, family and friends, and strong childhood relationships! You can't take this rink away, you're taking away the dreams of many children.
Pat Johnson	San Ramon, CA	2012-08-14	Ice rinks are incredibly important for todays youth.
Everardo Garcia	Modesto, CA	2012-08-14	Hockey is an incredible sport. If I can give children a chance to flourish in it, who knows, maybe we'll see them in the NHL one day?
Guy Kawasaki	Atherton, CA	2012-08-15	Because I love to play hockey there, and the world doesn't need more big-box retailers.
Don Ganem	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-15	Please don't take away this rink. It's an irreplaceable resource for the whole Bay Area - and a soccer field is certainly not even a remotely comparable substitute. Let's not have the quality of life in our area always take a back seat to the imperatives of retailers.
Andy Cortwright	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-15	The community needs a rink, not more shopping space!
Maxwell Nakamura	Setagaya-ku Tokyo-to, Japan	2012-08-15	I grew up playing hockey for the Cougars. I lived in Menlo Park and commuted to Bridgepointe 3, sometimes 6 days a week working hard and having a great time. Bridgepointe is a home and breeding ground for Northern California hockey players, don't let it go away!!!!
Scott Allan	Calgary, Canada	2012-08-15	Family sports venues are far more important than retail businesses. The value of a strong community meeting place is far higher than the revenue generated by another store... Sometimes the cost of a facility is far less than the cost of not having it...
Marianne Mollenauer	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-15	My husband and I met at the San Mateo ice rink! This recreational opportunity cannot be replaced with bathrooms and turf at another park. Please keep the rink for the collective enrichment of our diverse community. Ice skating ROCKS! Marianne Mollenaer
Anthony Kakis	Burlingame, CA	2012-08-15	loss of this ice center would mean a loos for our children and community...do not do this! thanks for your consideration
Christian Olsson	San Carlos, CA	2012-08-15	The Northern California Youth Hockey Hockey League need California Cougars and it's home rink Bridgepoint Ice to remain for the league to stay healthy.
Kianoosh Samii	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-15	I got started at this rink and now have competed at 14 US Adult Figureskating Championships with several national medals to show for it. The City of San Mateo can not possibly measure all the benefits of this rink over the past 25 years and the years to come, unless it is brought down. By then it would be too late to restore it. Leave it alone, it is doing the area, especially its youth, a whole lot of good.
LENAYE OSBORNE	San Ramon, CA	2012-08-17	KIDS NEED A PLACE TO GO and KIDS NEED ICE RINKS
Misty Rose	Livermore, CA	2012-08-17	As a hockey mom, I have seen the positive impact this sport has had on my two sons. It is a great way for them to stay fit in this current culture of obesity and, frankly, a positive place for teens to hang out is never a bad thing. I never worried about my sons when they were at the rink.
Martin Smith	San Jose, CA	2012-08-17	My son, Shayne played hockey for the Cougars Organization and continues to skate at the facility with Coach Mario. This rink is constantly in-use and an asset to San Mateo and its residents.
Shirley Yoshida	Daly City, CA	2012-08-17	ice hockey at the rink kept our family close and involved.
Lauren Whittle	San Carlos, CA	2012-08-17	Family Fun
michael streim	salt lake city, UT	2012-08-17	i grew up in san mateo playing hockey and love all the rinks....my dad, John Lee was Mr. San Mateo. He would have helped me keep this open.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Rena Korb	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-17	Ice skating is a unique, fun sport, and Bridgepointe already has plenty of shopping opportunities (the Peninsula, in fact, has enough already).
Sheri Graybehl	Danville, CA	2012-08-17	Because there are NOT enough ice rinks in the Bay Area as it is. So hard to get ice time for our kids to play. We need MORE rinks, not LESS.
Bruce Nagle	Alamo, CA	2012-08-17	Ice Skating rinks are in short supply throughout the bay area and their are an increasing number of kids wanting to play the game. as we all know, athletics are critically important to keep are youth engaged in healthy and productive activities. I appreciate your consideration. Yours truly, Bruce Nagle
Matthew Lipson	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-17	My daughter has been taking lessons there for over 2 years. She loves the instructors, and it has become her ice skating home. I the process I have gotten to know all the workers, who are all good people, and thus has become an oasis of relaxation for me from the work day.
Jamie Gaines	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-17	Its important to the children.
Gabi Schindler	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-17	The rink serves over 100,000 San Mateo and adjacent city residents. Children and adults of all ages enjoy playing hockey, figure skating, or just skating for recreation. Since there are so few ice rinks in our area, the San Mateo Ice Center is fully used from as early as 5:00 am to as late as midnight. It keeps children and adults engaged in healthy sport activities. It would be a tragedy to take this rink away from our community. Furthermore, the adjacent businesses at Bridgepoint greatly benefit from the people coming to skate at the San Mateo Ice Center. Our skaters eat at the Bridgepoint restaurants and spend money at the shops. Please help us keep the San Mateo Ice Center for the good of the entire community.
kelly sueksdorf	Danville, CA	2012-08-18	There are not enough places to ice skate and play ice hockey in the bay area. We need this rink!
Angela Bybee	San Bruno, CA	2012-08-18	As a hockey fan, there are far too few ice rinks in this area and removing one of the very few we have would be a huge disappointment.
D. Michael Ryall	San Jose, CA	2012-08-18	I'm a hockey player, and it is important to have as many sheets of ice as possible.
Pam Yares	Danville, CA	2012-08-18	Hockey is an important sport for kids and we need to provide them access to an ice rink, please!
Robert Montero	San Ramon, CA	2012-08-18	There are already so few rinks available that we drive over 40 miles for games. Please keep viable options for youth to participate in positive organized activities.
Mary Vinther	Pleasanton, CA	2012-08-19	I have a nephew who plays hockey there
Sherwyn Rodrigues	Millbrae, CA	2012-08-19	I have always wanted to learn how to iceskate and this is one of the few rinks that is closest to my house.
Adriana Paulazzo	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-19	I feel we have to have a place in San Mateo for our young adults can enjoy especially during summer and winter months. San Mateo needs this ice rink!!
Shoshana Katzman	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-20	My family has used this rink-and will continue to do so as there are very few places to take kids to skate in the bay area.
D.T carney	Visalia, CA	2012-08-20	Hockey is a Great Sport for Kids. They start at an early age and continue playing most of their lives..
Dave Santos	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-20	To preserve the character and diversity of our community. It is a meeting place for people of all ages.
Hullita Folau	san mateo, CA	2012-08-20	Many of our friends ice skate and play hockey. It's important!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Keith D. Taylor	Burlingame, CA	2012-08-20	great community event venue - strong community interest - brings people from other communities to San Mateo to buy goods and services - healthy living venue
Elizabeth Hall	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-20	Destroying the rink would negatively affect my community and neighborhood.
Charles Seavey	San Francisco, CA	2012-08-20	The opportunity for young people to old veterans to learn to skate, play organized sport or to perform in figure skating is so great and so powerful that we should not let this great rink disappear. Keep the rink, grow the culture and hey, enjoy a skate of your own.
Kenneth Mollenauer	San Mateo, CA	2012-08-22	My wife and I met at the Fashion Island ice rink.
Gabrielle Coleman	Mountain View, CA	2012-08-22	I am a member of a curling club that is always struggling to get enough ice time, so I know how much Bay Area residents need more ice, not less. Please help San Mateo to keep skating!
nick Stockdale	Los Banos, CA	2012-08-23	kids need hockey!
Stephanie Edejer	South San Francisco, CA	2012-08-23	Support Youth hockey!!!
michelle robichaud	Danville, CA	2012-08-23	There is already a shortage of ice for our players. Please don't take away a much needed rink.
Jeff Rose	San Jose, CA	2012-08-23	Many of my friends ice skate and play hockey. It's important!
christine moritz	los gatos, CA	2012-08-24	There are already so few places for people to ice skate...please don't take another one away
Michael Enger	New Ulm, MN	2012-08-25	I'm supporting the growth of hockey in America.
Amy Koo	Redwood City, CA	2012-08-26	I don't feel there are enough ice skating rinks as it is, and San Mateo has a very nice rink. Back when SF closed it's only ice skating rink in the outer Sunset, we went all over to try different rinks - San Mateo, Belmont, Oakland, Berkeley. It was madness. And that was just for recreation - couldn't imagine the pain if I were in competitive figure skating or ice hockey. Please keep the San Mateo Rink open.
Chris Furlong	Belmont, CA	2012-08-27	I have been playing adult hockey here for years, and have always enjoyed having a local ice rink thats as nice as this one.
Douglas Bruce	Belmont, Germany	2012-08-28	really need this facility in our area, impact has been great and we use it as well
Christina Drew	san francisco, CA	2012-08-29	sports such as ice skating are fun, out of the box ways to keep kids (and adults) entertained and healthy
Daniel Rouland	Fremont, CA	2012-08-29	Few types of fans are as passionate, as dedicated, and also as willing to spend huge amounts of money as hockey fans/players/parents. We owe it to these kids and their parents to offer them the opportunity to participate in the sport that they love instead of letting them stare at an empty field where their passion once stood. Do we need another soccer field or do we need to maintain the high level of diversity we gain by offering all things to all people?
Lisa Mizonick	Camas, WA	2012-08-30	I go out there often and I love to skate there. I wouldn't skate anywhere else!!!
Dan Hollander	West Bloomfield, MI	2012-08-30	If financially viable, keep it going!
tom heyl	Bvtn, OR	2012-08-30	Promotes healthy families and keeps kids out of trouble
John Russell	San Diego, CA	2012-08-30	As a young child who grew up in the Bay Area playing in-house hockey, these kids need a place to play. Please don't take this away from them! Considering that all the local rinks are at capacity, where will these children go to play? I urge you, please don't take this away from the kids.
Jun Shozaki	Foster City, CA	2012-08-30	My family like skating and playing hockey
cricket myles	san mateo, CA	2012-09-03	I have 3 children that skate. I would rather them at the rink then hanging out on street corners

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Brad Zelenak	Cohasset, MN	2012-09-04	it is important to give our youth the opportunity to play many different sports.
Kimberly Silakowski	Atlantic Highlands, NJ	2012-09-04	I do not play ice hockey or figure skate, but i am a fan of these sports. I also value the importance of kids exposure to recreational activities to keep them out of trouble. This rink seems to be home to a lot of people and memories, it does not deserve to be taken away from the people of the area.
Nina Farabee	Foster City, CA	2012-09-07	My daughter loves to ice skate. She is really learning a lot, and loves the staff and teachers. Also, it's about community. I ALWAYS see friends and others in the community, that I may not see otherwise. It will be a shame to lose the rink and the community activities it offers.
Megan Hornbecker	Foster City, CA	2012-09-07	We don't need any more retail shops at Bridgepoint shopping center, we NEED an ice skating rink. Please don't pave our paradise.
Patricia Guezmir	Foster City, CA	2012-09-08	It's the closest rink to our home and we use it recreationally, for birthday parties, school fun raisers. It would be a shame to lose it. I'm not sure what would go in it's place. I hope not more parking, retail space or office buildings. Condos?? Uggh. Foster City/SM is heavy on that already. There's more to life that money makers. Open your minds folks.
Janet Periat	San Mateo, CA	2012-09-08	To keep more activities here in San Mateo for the benefit of all, instead of more Big Box stores that benefit the rich people who develop them.
Michelle Houser	Garden Grove, CA	2012-09-09	I come up there to visit and when I do, I like to Curl at the San Mateo Ice Center.
Jessie McCandless	Redwood City, CA	2012-09-10	My kids love the ice rink and skating there - I remember loving it when I was a kid and the rink was inside Fashion Island mall. Keep it open!
Taylor Nairn	San Clemente,, CA	2012-09-10	Because hockey is the greatest sport on earth, and the best people I have ever met are all involved in hockey somehow. It teaches kids priceless life lessons they will not find anywhere else.
Gigi Chiu	Millbrae, CA	2012-09-10	Our kids first learned to skate at the rink a couple of years ago and we're looking forward to many more years of fun on the ice
Sharene Badiola	Daly City, CA	2012-09-11	Because I used to be a figure skater and a home skating rink is hard to come by; it holds value and meaning to a skater and their family - a second home. Don't take that away from these skaters.
Carson Ezati	Tustin, CA	2012-09-11	Kids need hockey
Jessica Duncan	San Mateo, CA	2012-09-12	started skating at this rink
Danielle Schraner	San Antonio, TX	2012-09-13	This was the first rink I ever skated at and it is where my 17 years of competitive skating began. I owe it everything!!!
Taryn Brandt	simsbury, CT	2012-09-13	no rink should be shut down!
Tal Horovitz	Los Altos, CA	2012-09-13	I have played with the Cougars starting at age 6 and LOVE HOCKEY!!!!!! I need this rink in particular because it is the only real home for the Cougars. Valco works for practices, but not for games because it is not game size. This means that eliminating the Bridgepointe ice rink is eliminating the Cougars, my hockey team. Please save this rink for me.
Marina Varfolomeeva	Palo Alto, CA	2012-09-13	I started skating here! If it wasn't for this rink, I probably would have never succeeded.
Patricia Andershock	Redondo Beach, CA	2012-09-13	Former figure skater at that rink from 20 years ago. Wonderful place for the kids to spend time.
Andrew Holland	San Jose, CA	2012-09-13	Hockey is important for the community and the kids who love to play at Bridgepointe. Let them continue to enjoy the opportunity to play this great sport

Name	Location	Date	Comment
ginny stofer	the woodlands, TX	2012-09-13	I grew up skating there. Was so glad when the plans for Bridge Point kept the ice rink! Seems there are fewer and fewer rinks around. Kids need to be able to have opportunities to try out all activities! I know when home for the holidays I will be taking my kids to the rink!
Glenna Todovich	Louisville, KY	2012-09-13	Ice skating is a WONDERFUL sport and great exercise, we need MORE rinks not LESS.
Sarah Feldman	Burlingame, CA	2012-09-14	I learned to skate here & had many fun events take place here. It is so ideally located that I cannot fathom it disappearing.
Valerie Nguyen	san jose, CA	2012-09-14	I skate here as a competitive figure skater
Chris Santa Maria	concord, CA	2012-09-15	kids need exercise
John Armstrong	Metamora, IL	2012-09-16	I started skating here and continued to for many years, it needs to be there for future generations. Our kids need activities that don't require a computer or tv screen.
Michael Stecher	Redwood City, CA	2012-09-17	Please help save one of the few ice rinks the Bay Area has!
Anthony Ramirez	San Mateo, CA	2012-09-18	Keep youth busy!
Helen Boikan	Los Gatos, CA	2012-09-21	Because my grandchildren used all the time and both are team participants.
Sergey Mineyev	San Mateo, CA	2012-09-29	Sport and health is definitely more important than new retail space
Tarra Chibby	Bayside, NY	2012-10-13	My childhood dreams were made there.
Ada Weinstein	Burlingame, CA	2012-10-27	I took ice skating lessons at the ice skating rink when I was pretty young. I loved it and still love coming to ice skate for fun there. It would be a shame if the rink would close.
J Bailey	Oakland, CA	2012-11-03	My son plays hockey in Oakland and the Cougars are in his division, what a rotten thing to do in closing a rink and "replacing" it with artificial turf on a soccer field! The Bay Area needs MORE ice, not LESS. Boo, greed and shortsighted SPI.
Laria Pippen	Alameda, CA	2012-11-03	My son plays in Oakland and there are fewer and fewer teams to compete against. San Mateo has some great teams, and give our kids wonderful competitive opportunities. Hockey is a great sport for kids on many levels. Please don't take away what these kids have worked hard for.
Joshua Dobroff	San Mateo, CA	2012-11-07	I play recreational hockey and attend public skate sessions
daniel haplet	Burlingame, CA	2012-11-19	zckvjhagfghgajdlfndm
Victor Tong	Foster City, CA	2012-11-22	I know lots of people do public skating and hockey here! The rink is close by and convenient.
Bethany Bender	Hayward, CA	2012-11-25	I grew up coming to this ice rink as a kid, not only does it hold memories for my generation but it also provides a memorable place for the current generation of youth who come to skate here. Now as a young adult in my mid twenties I look back at the memories built here...time and time again what keeps the San Mateo area on the map in my mind is the ice rink and the community that comes together to enjoy it. What makes Bridgepoint (formerly Fashion Island) memorable in my mind is not the strip mall, with its upscale variety of stores, but rather the ice rink, with all the stores and restaurants as a bonus. If you want to keep this next generation of youth coming back to shop at Bridgepoint for years to come you will keep the rink and let it be a spot of enchantment in their minds for years to come.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Carlos Jimenez	Burlingame, CA	2012-11-25	I have been skating and playing hockey there for fifteen years and have seen kids develop into very good skaters. The educational programs and summer camps there are excellent for both figure and hockey skating. Please keep this rink for future generations. Don't let politics and greed take this away from children.
kyle tanaka	San Mateo, CA	2012-11-25	i play hockey at bridgepointe
Theresa M. Cannizzaro	Discovery Bay, CA	2012-11-25	<p>This rink is important to me for numerous reasons. 1) I spent many years skating there, taking classes which in the long run provided an outlet that is drastically different than any other sport or leisure area of interest. Through that it has been a place to meet people, network, and stay fit to name a few. 2). It is a place that has been there since I can remember and has provided a safe and fun place for people to go to relax and socialize .</p> <p>I could go on and on but it will be a huge loss for not only the community but for Bridgepoint itself. After all, think of all those people who shop while "waiting" for their kids to finish hanging out or who run to the store to pick stuff up while they are there. I know I do. Otherwise I would never go there because there are other stores closer to me.</p> <p>3). We don't need another three stores in a shopping center. What San Mateo needs is the ice rink to keep up with other cities. It is unique and if parents need to go to belmont or other cities with rinks, so will their business for other stuff.</p> <p>I really hope this rink doesn't close. It would be a tragedy .</p>
Terry Kellar	Burlingame, CA	2012-11-28	I play hockey there, and I won't have anywhere to play if it closes!
alida truant	san Mateo, CA	2012-11-30	Keep the Ice Rink! It provides a place for families to have healthy, happy times together. The last thing we need is to consume more products that end up in the waste stream!
Brenna Connolly	Burlingame, CA	2012-11-30	It has been a big part of my life growing up and continues to be others
Tara Coakley	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-02	My son takes lessons at the rink and we also enjoy the recreation side as a family.
Steve Coakley	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-02	My son takes lessons at the ice rink and we have also skated there as a family. Do we really need more retail store?
Lauri Battista	Menlo Park, CA	2012-12-02	Absolutely, maintain an Ice Skating rink in the Mid-Peninsula area!
michelle young	san mateo, CA	2012-12-04	please save the rink!
Suzanne Kennedy	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-04	Our children love to ice skate here and have attended many birthday parties and lessons here. It offers something unique to our community and a great way to get kids moving no matter what the weather outside.
Lucy Mulkerrins	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-06	We enjoy skating as a family and with friends, and it's important for SM to have a variety of activities available for families/kids to stay active and healthy.
Laura Khathuria	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-06	My children take ice skating and hockey classes every week there, in San Mateo. They love ice skating, and it is great to have this fun, healthy sport/activity for my kids!
Kelly DeLaTorre	San Francisco, CA	2012-12-06	We need more places to ice skate, not fewer.
Kim Ricket	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-06	Please don't close the ice rink. It is a great resource for San Mateo and the surrounding area. We do not need more chain stores or restaurants in that shopping center; if we lose the ice rink we lose an entire type of recreational activity, and it is unlikely another rink will ever be built.
Lisa Murphy	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-07	There are so few indoor activities for our kids in the Bay Area. Please keep this awesome rink open!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Linda Chan	Belmont, CA	2012-12-09	Landlord should keep the original promise. We already lost so many ice rinks over the years in the Bay Area. There isn't much left and so hard to find one that is close by to home. I love ice skating because it adds to our family and friends activity list. Moreover it can be a place for teenagers to hang out and have fun. This can help decrease teenagers from getting into trouble with the law or getting into gangs. I want the ice rink to stay. Otherwise I would shop less at Bridgepoint. If the ice rink is replaced then I find one less reason for me to drive to Bridgepoint shopping center.
Sudthida cheunkarndee	Foster city, CA	2012-12-13	It is a gem. It is what makes san Mateo worthy of families. A dumb fake green turf does not offset an ice rink. You can get fake turf and real turf every where, but ice rinks are few and far between. Low IQ city planners should be replaced. When those that work for the city make decisions to side with \$\$\$developers or \$\$management for profits, they are not doing their job and should be fired. They are paid by hard earned taxes of the community that they are cheating of good family fun facility. But then again, if they were any smarter they would have not be in this predicament to be so gullible listening to corporate money!
Crystal Jeffery	Daly City, CA	2012-12-14	Because I have been coming here with my father since I was a child. I am now 28 and still go every year on my birthday.
Sarah O'Leary	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-15	Ive been going to this ice rink since i was a kid, please dont shut it down!
Paola Lancellotti	Burlingame, CA	2012-12-20	ice skating is great exercise.especially in the winter. We need more options for children not more stores.
Celia Lettis	Cave Junction, OR	2012-12-25	I skatedf here as a child and believe that all children should have this option.
Erwin Coumans	Foster City, CA	2012-12-25	we love ice skating and it is one of the few places to do it.
Steven Lewan	Burlingame, CA	2012-12-26	The Ice Rink is a great community service and needs to be preserved. There needs to be a balance of corporate and community needs.
Marjan Yazdanian	San Mateo, CA	2012-12-30	My son plays hockey here and has been playing for the past 3 years. He loves this place.
Jackie Meng	San Francisco, CA	2012-12-31	This rink means so much to all the boys who used it to play hockey. To them it is a second home. Please don't take away the home of their passions and love :)
travis taube	woodside, CA	2012-12-31	i love hockey
Taylor Cotchett	Burlingame, CA	2012-12-31	this is a wonderful ice rink for many people to enjoy. my family and I go there a lot and I know that skaters of all different types benefit this rink a lot. please don't close it down.
Jared Wong	Hi, CA	2012-12-31	I used to play hockey there

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Stefanie Sellars	Simi Valley, CA	2013-01-01	Because rinks develop children, their physical, emotional, mental and social skills are all fostered here. it keeps the out of trouble, gives them a place to grow and brings families and communities together. The Master plan has the rink in there and the Landlord needs to be his word. Bridgepoint would not have been allowed to be developed without the rink, now the developer wants to bait and switch. Where else are these kids, adults, families and seniors going to go for this kind of entertainment and physical activity? Please keep the rink, add a subway sandwich stand to it or some other appropriate collaborative and healthy store to it for example. Maybe a go to a store in the complex and get a dollar off admission or something. Bring the community and businesses together and find a collaborative and innovative solution that no one has thought of yet, please. There are so many people that can benefit from this place, please please please don't take it away. Find a way to support it. Maybe local restaurants and the rink can collaborate? Rink pizza and snacks are on par with bowling alley food, how about something healthier like a Subway or a Togos or one of the restaurants in the complex. I mean it would be very cool to have good healthy food available at a rink or accessible to the rink. There has got to be a way to make it a win win for everyone.
darik weigel	albet lea, MN	2013-01-03	asdfasdf
Victoria Ouye	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-06	There is not another venue of this kind in San Mateo - a soccer field DOES NOT substitute for an ice rink.
lena grover	san mateo, CA	2013-01-06	It's so nice to have access to an indoor ice skating rink. Would be sad if this place was gone since my son is just getting to be old enough to start learning to skate.
Sonia Baldassarre	Foster city, CA	2013-01-07	My child and niece grew up going to the ice rink in FC we have many good memories from those days. Kids need more physical activity to stay out of trouble
Robert LaRiviere	Boulder Creek, CA	2013-01-08	Youth need outlets and hockey is a growing sport in the bay area that will help develop kids into athletes and keep them OFF the streets. We need to look at the benefits to kids as our streets are getting worse with kids not finding activities. Hockey is very close to incorporating high school participation - with a few HS already signed up for teams.
lilian cheung	Burlingame, CA	2013-01-08	It's where my best friends childhood is and i cant take that away from her
Billylynn Adams	San Jose, CA	2013-01-08	My son plays a lot of hockey at this rink.
Robert Nafus	Santa Clara, CA	2013-01-08	Active Children make productive adults. Team sports teach them allot that can not be learned otherwise.
Robert LaRiviere	Boulder Creek, CA	2013-01-08	Scotts Valley closed its roller rink in place for a library and now there is a maximum of 3-5 cars in front of the building instead of the usual 30-40 cars. Rink buildings are specially designed buildings with re-enforced roofs that are very hard and expensive to rebuild. The bay area ice programs are growing at a large rate with a possible school involvement around the corner. Kids need a positive outlet for activity and ice activities are amongst the most healthiest. We do not need another place to shop and buy crap. We have enough crap to buy across the street or down the road. We do NOT have enough ice in the bay area.
Jan Van den Kieboom	Mountain View, CA	2013-01-08	Please continue to provide young people with a healthy, safe environment.
Meredith Mundy	Foster City, CA	2013-01-08	I skate here!
Mahammad Yaacoub	Campbell, CA	2013-01-09	I would like to sign up for lessons

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Cameron Ritchie	fremont, CA	2013-01-11	As a past foster city resident, an ex hockey player, and father of a 5 year old who loves skating, we don't need more stupid cell phone stores or other retail blight; we need more recreational activities like this rink. DON'T LET IT CLOSE! Insist the landlord live up to their commitments!
Saphira Faafiu	Hayward, CA	2013-01-11	This is closest ice rink for my children. There are not that many ice rinks in the bay area so they should leave this one open. The more activities they shut down for children to do, the more time they have do get into trouble or mischief. Please do not shut down the ice rink.
Phyllis Lunardi	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-11	lessons, Girl Scout event, summer camp, family fun
Richard Shu	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-12	Skating is one of the few sports that individuals of all ages can participate in. It is a sport that people can participate in as individuals or as part of a team.
Donna Washburn	Foster City, CA	2013-01-12	My daughters love the ice rink. My oldest had one of her birthday parties there and they both go there frequently with friends.
Sara Roos	Foster City, CA	2013-01-12	An ice skating rink builds community and promotes physical activity for families. We NEED this rink!!
nancy schneider	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-12	The ice rink provides unique recreational opportunities.
Meg Wallace	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-13	My children have had wonderful times at the Ice Center! It's great for birthday parties, family outings, social time with friends, AND it's great exercise too. It brings business to the Bridgepoint Shopping Center, and especially the restaurants there.
D P	san mateo, CA	2013-01-14	There is a lot of demand for ice rinks and both rinks in the area are already busy. We don't need another store.
Lynda Davidson	Foster City, CA	2013-01-14	For 20 years I have been taking youth skating at this rink. My Girl Scout troop held parties there, my cousins had birthdays there and now these same youth as young adults still enjoy going skating and introducing their friends to the rink. I would rather the youth had an activity, like skating rather than hanging out at yet another mall. We have a national epidemic of youth that never leave a couch or mall for any exercise, so why would you take away the perfect venue?
John Berdoulay	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-14	our children love to skate here
Stephanie Finn	Foster City, CA	2013-01-14	We need variety in our community, not more retail space.
sarah thornhill	san mateo, CA	2013-01-14	Safe place for children (especially middle school and highschool aged) to spend time.
Sayoko Lesure	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-14	The ice rink is easily accessible to many families in our community. My daughter was so taken watching the skaters that her reward for learning a spelling list was to allow her to take a series of group lessons there. She continued skating into high school and earned her eighth test in skating. Had it not been for the rink where she first found her inspiration, our lives would have been very different but she loved the ice and we are all thankful.
Elisabeth Wood	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-15	My kids take skating lessons at the Ice Chalet and we love to go skating as a family.
Dina Artzt	Belmont, CA	2013-01-15	My son is a hockey player. We use the rink all of the time including weekends. This is a vital part of his social community and it will be terrible to take this wonderful rink which hasn't been there very long away from our community. Please keep the rink and focus on what we can use. We have enough fields. Please don't let money be the only driver here..why is it that money is more important than the social well being of our kids and community? Ice skating rinks are hard to create. Please don't let greed take our rink away. We don't need more stores. Thank you.
Gordon Strause	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-15	My kids would like to have a place to skate

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Elliot Salazar	San Francisco, CA	2013-01-15	i play hockey at the rink. PLEASE DON'T CLOSE IT!!!!!!
Liesje Nicolas	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-16	This is where my family skates , holds birthday parties, takes ice skating lessons, and hopes to play hockey when the kids are of age. Please don't close it! San Mateo needs more places like this ice rink, where familys can be active together. We don't need anymore chain stores.
Angela Salinas	south San Francisco, CA	2013-01-17	I remember as I child visiting the ice rink with my family. Our bonding time spent together on the ice is very important to me. Back then my parents were still in good enough physical conditions to skate with me. still go here with my friends on occasion because it is fun to skate and get a good workout. I love ice!
Geof Pawlicki	San Jose, CA	2013-01-19	Love this rink. . .
Janice Hitchcock	san mateo, CA	2013-01-19	My son played hockey from the time he was 4 years old. With schools eliminating enrichment classes etc, kids need to be able to enjoy outside sports/activities. Interest in ice hockey has grown exponentially over the years . Figure skating, ice skating parties etc. are so important . My fear is that greed will prevail.....so sad that importance is placed on that than the well being of a community.
Wendy Wan	Foster City, CA	2013-01-21	It is important for our kids to practice iceskating.
denise hobbs	rohnert park, CA	2013-01-22	I am a skater who needs more rink s not less Skating is good for everyone and should be a part of the community
kara simmons	pacifica, CA	2013-01-22	My husband is a youth pastor and this is a safe and fun environment to bring our 40+ youth kids to. It is their favorite outing. We bus our kids from San Bruno because this is the best and most well kept area anywhere.
Annie Hung	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-24	The ice rink should be preserved for our children
Vikash Bhagwandin	San Mateo, CA	2013-01-24	It is our public duty to maintain integrity of brick and mortar recreational centers for our society. Addition of artificial turf for soccer fields are not only a pathetic concession, but also bad for players knees and a bathroom has no correlation to recreational health. The goal should be to attract a solid and reliable restaurant like 'Scores' into the facility in order to sustain operation.
Silvia Yeh	San Ramon, CA	2013-01-24	We want to keep rink in San Mateo or say bigger Bay Area. In the way, our family and kids can skate to be part of their childhood memory.
Lynn Zeng	San Jose, CA	2013-02-02	I'm a figure skater who once had to switch rinks, and I know what it's like to try to adjust to a new one. If we lost this rink, so many skaters would be displaced. Think about the skaters who have dedicated their lives to this sport. Think about what it would be like for them if they lost what has become a second home to them. Then think about making sure that they still have their rink to go back to when June rolls around.
Alanna Haselbach	Foster City, CA	2013-02-05	many of my students take ice skating lessons there. The Ice rink has been a San mateo landmark since i was a child when it was at Fashion Island! Please do not take the joy of skating away from today's youth!
Kathryn Garner	Novato, CA	2013-02-07	The San Mateo ice rink is the best ice rink in all the Bay Area. They have the nicest facilities, best public skating times, classes for adults (which most places don't offer or don't offer at times you can actually make) and Hockey. There's no where like them in all the bay area. Please don't take this unique, fabulous, and beloved venue away. Our community NEEDS it.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
michael escamilla	Burlingame, CA	2013-02-10	<p>Here is the Problem that SPI Holdings doesn't understand. One of the only reasons that I shop at bridgepoint shopping center is because I work out at the ice rink! The current merchants stand to lose a lot of revenue from people like me who live outside of san mateo and will take their money elsewhere. I know many people do not come to this shopping mall because of the wide selection of stores. I actually prefer to shop at Tanforan. This will not only affect San Mateo but much of the revenue they receive from sales tax that the stores charge. I won't have any reason to go to San Mateo to spend my money. This is a bad move if they allow an investment company to renege on the deal that was struck originally for them to develop this shopping mall. Tell me how setting down new astroturf is going to help the many people who don't use soccer fields that are already in decent shape? This may not be a bad move for SPI but it will have a serious impact on San Mateo. Imagine thousands of people not shopping at costco or target. Think of the revenue lost simple to put in a Nail Salon or another sub-par restaurant.</p> <p>Think about the consequences of losing one of the few inexpensive outlets for public recreation. Many bonds have been formed at this ice rink with newbies and expert skaters alike. ISA is also having there next competition here in San Francisco in October. There will be many people who will decide to try it out as a sport once it hits town!</p> <p>Its not always about money SPI Holding, INC...Its also about your public image and brand which will be tarnished for years to come.</p> <p>If you don't believe me look at the Handlery Hotel and their fight with the Gold Dust Lounge. The Handlery Hotel chain has gotten so much negative press with boycotts, their image will be forever tarnished in the city of san francisco.</p> <p>This bad move will not only reflect on you but on the Mall you run. And the negative impact on your current asset may be more than you want to deal with once you make this move, but it will be to late.</p> <p>Take a chapter from Westfield Mall playbook and know when to back off when dealing with the delicate balance of making money and appeasing your clientele.....you are not only held responsible to your shareholders and investor but also to the tenants that currently lease are your properties to ensure you don't impede on their sales or marketing strategies</p>
Vanessa Pearson	Suisun City, CA	2013-02-10	<p>I know too many people that rely on that rink for it to be shut down and destroyed.</p>
michael escamilla	Burlingame, CA	2013-02-10	<p>Oh and one more thing you can also boycott this Shopping Mall - SPI Holdings is a headed by brothers Stephen and Dennis Wong of Hillsborough, CA...A private, San Francisco-based real estate investment and development company bought the 148,832-square-foot Ninth Street retail center for close to \$45 million, said a broker representing both the buyer and seller.</p> <p>The center, which houses Bed, Bath & Beyond, Trader Joe's, Pier 1 Imports and Nordstrom Rack, was 100 percent leased at the time of the sale, according to Dan Wald, senior vice president of BT Commercial's Investment Services group. Wald represented SPI Holdings LLC, which bought the property, and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., which sold it.</p> <p>Brothers Stephen and Dennis Wong, along with Richard Squires, head SPI Holdings, which owns about 4 million square feet of office and retail space across the country. Dennis Wong is a real estate veteran, who once ran Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.'s realty group, while Stephen is CEO of Embarcadero Technologies Inc. Squires is a Dallas investor.</p>

Name	Location	Date	Comment
carl goalsby	Commerce City, CO	2013-02-14	Keeps kids off the street. Great exercise and gathering for the community
Judith Lydon	Hayward, CA	2013-02-21	This is a great rink which provides an opportunity for young and old to skate. The rink is busy all times of the day. What other places are available for youth to play at all hours of the day? I live in the East Bay, but my sons skate at the rink. Like others I do most of my shopping around the rink - not only but at Bridgepoint, but in Foster City and Hillsdale. The rink is what brings me to the area. I know of many other families who are in my situation who travel from all parts of the bay area to skate at the rink and then shop at the surrounding stores.
Mandy Zarghami	windsor, Canada	2013-02-22	This was my very first rink I skated. It would be a shame to take it down.
Vairavan Srinivasan	Cupertino, CA	2013-02-24	It is one of the few rinks open in late evenings during weekdays in the north bay and works very well for my schedule.
Sophia Won	San Francisco, CA	2013-02-24	because it is a nice and ample place to ice skate and we love the location
Garry Percival	San Mateo, CA	2013-02-25	Love the game, love to play
Dianna Cordy	San Bruno, CA	2013-02-28	We need the recreational facility for our children to engage in healthy activities.
Ernest Watson	Boulder Creek, CA	2013-02-28	I have been to this facility numerous times to skate. There always seems to be a cheerful crowd. This facility should stay open.
Martin Barclay	Saratoga, CA	2013-03-04	I play adult hockey in the PHA and this is one of the two rinks we use along with Valco.
Yuning Zhang	Foster City, CA	2013-03-11	My two girls love ice skate.
Leonid Alzhin	Burlingame, CA	2013-03-13	My daughter loves that place
Candace Lang	San Mateo, CA	2013-03-17	The ice rink is very beneficial to have in the Bridgepointe area. I live right next door to it and don't want to see it replaced by retail stores.
Susan Kelly	Millbrae, CA	2013-03-17	This ice rink is a great place for school gatherings, birthday parties and generally taking the kids to learn to skate. The Peninsula needs more locations like this for safe family fun, not fewer. There is more than enough retail in San Mateo County -- stores up and down El Camino and shuttered, and we need more retail? I don't think so. But we "do" need recreational facilities like this rink. For the good of the citizens of several cities in the county, local lawmakers should insist that this facility remain open for us all to use. Thanks.
Janet Wong	Alameda, CA	2013-03-22	My daughter figure skates competitively and needs a place to practice.
Susan Smith	Truckee, CA	2013-03-28	I have no ice where I live from March-December, so the rest of the year I skate elsewhere. Bridgepointe is a nice rink, serves a lot of people and I get really tired of wealthy business people trying to squeeze more money out of spaces instead of valuing the community service they provide and at which they make a fair profit.
Robert Gourley	belmont, CA	2013-03-29	For my kids to skate, its the only reason I visit the mall.
Catherine Miskow	San Mateo, CA	2013-03-30	The location at Bridgepointe has ample parking and does not pose noise annoyance to the neighbors, as it is mainly surrounded by office buildings. Moving the rink to Foster City would be a traffic nightmare, and certainly would be an annoyance to the residents. Since it has been shown that Americans are becoming more and more sedentary, why eliminate one of the few activities that requires a lot of energy and can be done year round?
Cara Pugh	San Jose, CA	2013-04-01	Its for the kids!
Penglie Zhang	San Mateo, CA	2013-04-03	I have four kids. All of them enjoy and appreciate the ice center. A turf or a bathroom is no comparison. Come on, Guys. Do something, Mayor. You are paid by the people!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Brian Christensen	San Mateo, CA	2013-04-08	Kids need activities!
Shawn Shubert	san leandro, CA	2013-04-14	It is a wonderful sport for both boys and girls to be introduced to
Amanda Sorenson	Redwood Cty, CA	2013-04-17	I grew up skating here in the 90's. Skating and hockey build health and confidence amongst so many other valuable life skills. SHOPPING DOES NOT. Get rid of your greed and listen to what people WANT.
Christine Herrmann	Burlingame, CA	2013-04-29	This rink is where I learned to skate, and when I was older, finally learned how to play hockey, and after that, where I played in the Pacific Hockey Association (best adult league in the Bay Area). Besides being the place where many people learn to skate, play hockey, or figure skate, the San Mateo rink is one of the best in the Bay Area. Since the area is already lacking in ice rinks, especially high quality ones, please don't take this rink away.
Brenda Raines	Batavia, OH	2013-05-04	Brenda Raines, Cincinnati, Ohio; having a place for children to go that allows them to obtain a positive social skills; which is what the ice rink does. In taking away the ice rink you are taking away the positive influences and opening children/juveniles to negative social and influences. This ice rink can deter children from criminal activities just by opening the doors and allowing these juveniles the choice to get off the streets and out if trouble.
Martin Espinoza	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-06	I've been playing hockey for 35+ years and still play today. It has taught me plenty of lessons as a kid that have carried on throughout my life. Teamwork, resilience, friendship and self-esteem among a few. Having the rink also helps our kids have a physical outlet and great exercise. In a day and age where our kids are inundated with video games and being on the couch all day, we need a rink to get them out and play the actual game. Do not take away the opportunity for our kids to learn how to exercise, socialize and to learn about competition. Finally ice hockey a sport that will help build important life skills. We have 100+ places to shop, don't take away our 1 rink.
Pamela Taylor	Mission Viejo, CA	2013-05-06	We need more places for our children to be physically active.
Vivian Czerwinski	Clayton, NY	2013-05-06	Because as a grown adult it is so hard to sit and watch the America I know and love just die. It is in many ways, and this is just another brick in our crumbling house we once knew and loved.
Celia Cook	Watertown, NY	2013-05-06	kids on the ice are not in hot water
Tiffany Meyers	Redwood city, CA	2013-05-06	Hockey!!
Stephanie Hanson	Mountain View, CA	2013-05-06	I remember this ice rink way back when it was Fashion Island. I saw Kristi Yamaguchi practice there a few times. Its a memory and a place I'd like to share with my future family!
Sachin Pansuria	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-06	Skating is a terrific family activity that is also good exercise and social. I can't imagine why we'd want to get rid of it!
Steven Koury	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-06	I love ice hockey, and closing the rink would make it really hard for me to learn and get better. Also, it is a family tradition every winter to go this rink and ice skate. Don't ruin the tradition!!!
Jessica Risso	Sunnyvale, CA	2013-05-06	I learned how to figure skate here when I was about 4 or 5 years old (close to 25 years ago). I remember meeting Kristi Yamaguchi at the rink when she was just beginning her career. It would be a shame to lose such a historical landmark in San Mateo.
Tony Sackman	REDWOOD CITY, CA	2013-05-07	I spend several nights a week playing hockey here and lots of money at local businesses.
Eve Visconti	Foster City, CA	2013-05-09	I grew up in the Midwest on ice skates, so I believe that ice skating is an important part of childhood and a great community resource!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Santosh Shukla	India	2013-05-09	It's important because I saw the city proceeding on video when Guy Kawasaki shared and I felt for the kids. They need to have this rink, I am sure if these guys create a kickstarter project, they will collect so much money to save their rink!!
LL Chang	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-09	My kids love ice-skating
JOANNE STODGEL	san mateo, CA	2013-05-10	The rink keeps my kids off the streets by giving them something fun to do. Who needs another building? Lets give out kids and we parents a break! Keep the Ice Rink!!!
Christina Curtin	Mountain View, CA	2013-05-10	Ice rinks are few and far between. This is a great asset to the community.
Darlene Cluster	Monte Rio, CA	2013-05-10	I grew up in San Mateo and think that it's important for kids to have somewhere local to skate and stay off the streets.
Leslie Blum	San Jose, CA	2013-05-10	We are involved with roller hockey. It is critical that our children continue to have these places to help them be productive and actively pursuing the things they love. It produces happy children with a focus.... it keeps them out of trouble!
Sarah Godar	Washington, DC	2013-05-10	My cousin played at this rink and it made his world a better place, I want my nephew to get the same chance in a few years.
Lori Driscoll	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-10	The rink is a great place for families to create great memories through family skate, birthday parties or watching their kids play hockey or figure skate. It would be sad to think all of that would go away to add another store to an already extremely congested retail space. Keep our rink!
Mike Boz	Belmont, CA	2013-05-10	My family has lived in Foster City for 10 years. This ice-rink has been of great benefit to the community. Both my kids started playing hockey there and still do play hockey at the rink. It is one of the most beautiful ice-rinks in the Bay area and a great place for kids to spend time, playing hockey, ice-skating or celebrating a birthday. Losing this ice-rink would be a huge loss for the community
Cindy McNevin	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-10	It's a place for kids to have fun! It's not about making money, it's about keeping our kids safe and happy!!!
Boris Veis	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-10	Facilities like this are the way communities come together. People don't meet at Old Navy, Starbucks, BJ's...they meet at Ice Center. My 7yr old son has been skating here since he was 3 years old and hockey is the sport he has chosen to play. This is his sport...and the Cougars are his team. Save the Rink!
Tara Sotelo	Los Gatos, CA	2013-05-10	San Jose is a bigger hockey community than you could ever imagine and we LOVE playing at this rink. It's a team sport and so is figure skating! The public skating sessions see all types of people mainly kids that are skating and not out doing things they shouldn't be!
Michaela Flaherty	Sunnyvale, CA	2013-05-10	I am a huge supporter of hockey in the area! This sport gives thousands of kids every year a place to make friends, set goals for themselves, and have fun. One less rink means one less opportunity for someone to develop a love for this sport. It is a very unique sport which is finally gaining some traction in the bay area, and so I hate to see it take a step backwards.
Denise Healy	So San Francisco, CA	2013-05-10	I am a former figure skater where ice skating kept me off the streets, out of trouble and physically and mentally challenged!!! Skating rinks are already diminishing in the area but with hockey SO big, why close one more??
Lisa Saccoman	San Bruno, CA	2013-05-10	Keeping kids in sports is good for EVERYONE!!!
Ben Colbert	Scotts Valley, CA	2013-05-10	I have had this happen to my local rink and it has affected many people. I definitely do not want another rink to close down

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Pete Sonntag	Zephyr Cove, NV	2013-05-10	Our 3 kids all play travel hockey in NORCAL, and Bridgepointe is one of their favorite rinks. It is a key facility in N. California and we need more rinks, not fewer. Giving kids the opportunity to exercise and play team sports should ALWAYS take priority over strip mall development. Please do the right thing here.
Jeanette Chickles	San Jose, CA	2013-05-11	Ice sports in the Bay Area is so important to support. There are so many opportunities to grow new ice athletes if people have access to a rink nearby! Hockey is a huge part of our family and I'd hate to see a rink go by the wayside. Please keep the rink going!
Robert Pacheco	Menlo Park, CA	2013-05-11	Ice Sports are something that people really enjoy. Over my years of playing ice hockey, turning me into the man i am today; a successful business owner that uses strategies learned as a hockey captain to manage the employees in my business. places like this make kids grow into successful people. DON'T ROB KIDS OF A BENEFIT TO THEIR FUTURE!
Leslie Smith	Santa Cruz, CA	2013-05-11	Kids need a safe place to go and have fun. Do you not see hockey is exploding in the Bay Area? We need to keep all the rinks
Sandy Alvares	San Jose, CA	2013-05-11	Hockey is a positive experience for so many. They need this ice rink to succeed. Why take away something that keeps them out of trouble
David Laidlaw	Belmont, CA	2013-05-11	This is a highly used facility and is of vastly higher value to our community than retail or other uses. We are at consumer saturation for shopping and this rink serves as an intersection point for many communities for recreation..please please do not make the error of allowing this rink to be disposed of.
Avril Hughes	Pacifica, CA	2013-05-11	My family and I have skated at the rink many times and would like to continue. Also, I'm from Canada and know how important the rink is to young hockey players.
Diana Zelms	Sonora Ca, CA	2013-05-11	My daughter spent so much time there as well as her friends we went when it was first built I think it would be good to keep for lots of children in the future as well as today
Cathy Wocasek	San Bruno, CA	2013-05-11	I've played hockey in two bay area leagues over the past 7 years and took lessons from PHA at San Mateo. Starting rec hockey, it's been an eye-opener to me how popular this sport is locally. My current league, the NCWHL, has added teams & had a devil of a time finding additional ice slots to keep up with our increasing demand. One fewer rink on the peninsula? The math just doesn't add up. SM City Council, if you can't prevent this outright, at least do your best to make demolishing the rink a very unattractive option for SPI.
Bobbye Sue Blount	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-11	We need this! Kids love to skate!
Noah Blount	HILLSBOROUGH, CA	2013-05-11	I go to lessons every Saturday at this rink. It is the top thing I look forward to over the weekend. One of my friends goes here too. If the rink gets taken away, I won't have anything to do over the weekend. I am 12 and would like to learn how to play hockey.
howard applegate	campbell, CA	2013-05-11	My son plays Ice Hockey, One less rink will impact his ability to join a ice hockey team.
karen baggetta	san carlos, CA	2013-05-11	My son played ice hockey at this ice rink for several years and it was a major part of his life. It was the only sport that he really enjoyed as a young adult.This is a sport that helps many young people that also have learning differences. It is something that all young people can do that will also keep them doing healthy fun activities.
angeli ho	San Carlos, CA	2013-05-11	My children loves to take classes there.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Ekaterina Kolozhvari	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-11	We love skating at San Mateo Ice rink with friends and their kids. It has a perfect location for us here. We really want it to stay!!
Alex Skornyakov	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-12	We enjoy skating here a lot. We were hoping our kids will practice here as well as our friends kids. Please save the ice rink!
Natalie Gonzalez	San mateo, CA	2013-05-12	The future of our kids.
Peggy O'Brien	Pacifica, CA	2013-05-12	My family has spent many happy times on the Bridgepoint ice. A lovely community asset.
Linda Carpenter	Foster City, CA	2013-05-12	The community needs the rink as promised by the developer in the first place!!
Jonathon Gantvoort	Foster City, CA	2013-05-12	The rink has been there since as long as I can remember. It was a vital part of my childhood. Don't tear it down!
Kathleen Gantvoort	Foster City, CA	2013-05-12	It is a great place for birthdays and an intricate part of our community. So many kids play hockey here!
Sarah Schendel	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-12	I took Ice Skating lesson here as a kid, had my 6th birthday party here, and I would hate to see children around the bay area not have the same opportunities as I did.
Matthew Pitta	Union city, CA	2013-05-12	I'm a member of a team that plays in the PHA, and we use the San Mateo rink alot! Please dont get rid of it for some cookie cutter box store!
Alfonzo Tucker	san francisco, CA	2013-05-12	Ive grown up as a member of the ice community and the importance of the rink to the enrichment of the future is more delicate than most realize.. Ive grown up playing ice hockey and have played against the team there back in the late 90's. Saving this rink would be the right thing to do. Its time to do the right thing.!!
Christina Ogburn-Chow	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-12	This ice rink is so wonderful for kids and families. I see it used and enjoyed all the time. Please don't turn that space into more retail. We need the ice rink!
Leigh LeamonsCalifornia	Foster City, CA	2013-05-12	I believe that we need to provide environments for kids so that they don't hang out on the streets being vulnerable to getting into trouble. I feel that we do not need additional retail space at the expense of our youth.!!
Yogita Thakur	foster city, CA	2013-05-12	The rink is imporant to us because my children play ice hockey. We spend more than 20 hrs / week at the rink and it is an essential part of our community
Venkat Thalladi	Foster City, CA	2013-05-12	This ice rink is an important part of our lives. We go there to learn skating, to enjoy skating during public skating hours, to watch children from our community learn, perform, and participate in competitions. Please do not take this away from our community. Thank you.
Erik Barry	sunnyvale, CA	2013-05-12	My kids play hockey here with all their friends. Now is the time to do what is right for the community. Sporting facilities like this keep our kids on the straight and narrow, providing them with the entertainment they need.
Laura Douglass	Lake oswego, OR	2013-05-12	I lived in this area for ten years. My old boss has four kids involved in these programs. I also have a niece in Virgina who is involved in skate. Please keep this program alive.
Mathew Storckman	Foster City, CA	2013-05-12	I go to work at 0600 in the morning and leave my residence at 0500. I see children in the rink dedicated to playing hockey and skating. I believe this helps keep kids out of juvenile hall, gangs, and committing property crimes. Keep the rink for the children to have a good hobby and teach them discipline, teamwork, and life outside getting in trouble.
Gar O Connell	Sunnyvale, CA	2013-05-12	Cos' lack of facilities for young people leaves your neighborhood looking like insert name of high crime neiborhood

Name	Location	Date	Comment
angelina tse	daly city, CA	2013-05-12	Healthy, organized sport activities will keep kids off the street, give them a venue to exercise, make friends and even received constructive mentorship from positive allitudes adults. Keep the rink!
Richard Lau	San Bruno, CA	2013-05-12	The San Mateo Ice Center is the best entertainment resource for families all around the Bay Area!
Rochelle Delfino	Belmont, CA	2013-05-12	Foster City is where my son learned to play hockey. There are so many kids out there that want to play the game and all the rinks are closing.
Jianna Competente	San Francisco, CA	2013-05-12	I'm from San Francisco and I remember coming to the Ice Chalet as a kid and loving it! The rink means a lot to so many people. Don't take it away!
Rebecca Cockroft	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-12	My brother plays hockey and its also a place to exercise
Silvia Almer-Eichhaber	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-12	Please keep the ice rink - it's such a gorgeous place among all those retail stores.
Josefina Beto	Burlingame, CA	2013-05-12	This rink has acted like my second home for the past 3 years, and I spend countless hours there. It is more than just an ice rink, it is a place where countless memories have been made and still continue to be made. It means the world to me and I would be devastated if it was replaced.
Maxim Frenkel	Palo Alto, CA	2013-05-12	It's the rink I play at, if it closes down the entire Cougars organization will face the problem of a deficiency of ice
Jodie Duncan	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-12	This rink provides a healthy activitiy for San Mateo citizens of all age. This is were Michael Kwan skated!!! Don't let the San Mateo City council sell us out. Is it true that the owner of this complex also is the president and a parent of a student at Ano Nuevo school?? SHAME ON YOU, MR WONG!
Charlotte Avra	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-12	Because I like to go to Ulla when my brothers are at hockey
Istvan Benyei	Foster City, CA	2013-05-12	Do I like Starbucks and American eagle? Sure! But, I feel the ice rink is of far more benefit than a few more retail stores. I've never used the rink but whenever I drive by there are always loads of families with kids there. Depriving these kids of the opportunity to play hockey, figure skate etc for the sake of corporate profit seems wrong and detrimental to the community. And, I'm a conservative Republican so the fact that I'm actually taking sides against "corporate profit" shows you how valuable the rink is to the kids and families who use it.
mario abad	Brentwood, CA	2013-05-13	People need a place to have an activity besides shopping
Sergio Gutierrez	Foster City, CA	2013-05-13	It's been a part if my family ever since I grew up in Foster City - when it was Fashion Island.
Gary Krall	Saratoga, CA	2013-05-13	As a proud parent of a son who spent many hours at the rink playing hockey I know how much he looked forward every week to play. This rink needs to be preserved for other kids just like my son.
Bonnie Wolf	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-13	Once a developer makes a commitment such as this ice rink to the community, only very compelling reasons should allow the discontinuation of such a community commitment and asset. The community benefit of the health, safety and well being of the children in community far outweigh the private property rights of development and profit.
Joe Tan	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-13	I just learned about this today as I walked by the rink. We need to keep this rink open if at all possible for our families and children.
Jeffrey Markham	San Jose, CA	2013-05-13	I play Ice Hockey and this is a great rink .. it would be a shame to have it close.
Joanna Ramberg	San Francisco, CA	2013-05-13	Because we need MORE ice rinks, not less... Having an ice rink means less oppty. for kids to get tempted into trouble...

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jason Cockroft	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-13	I've played in the adult league for 20 years. When the rink closes team is disbanding. Both my kids play hockey at the rink.
Ela Kucukcakar	Sunnyvale, CA	2013-05-13	San Mateo ice center is the best and largest ice center in the bay area. There are hundreds of skaters go there to practice and recreational practices. Other ice centers in the area are either too far from us or they are small or too old to do our regular practices. My daughter competes in US Nationals we need an ice center like San MAtteo ice center. The people who work there are great people, we do not want to loose ice center and we do not want to loose the great people who runs the place. Other countries are opening new and big ice arenas and centers like this. But as USA, leader of the world, innovative place Bay Area is closing the best ice arena is beyond disappointing. WE have to hold onto the recreational and educational places like this. While whole world going competitive, we can not afford to loose places like this. Please, keep the ice ring running. We need the ice skaters and hockey players keep practicing. These kids are the future of The United States Of America. They learn many important skills, and develop self esteem, plus build a great friendship may last years. That brings well rounded , eventually these would lead to a better communities and stronger relationship between citizens of the Bay Area. Communities will be better by these actions and as a result, we will see great results reflected upon future of USA. Please do not close ice center. In fact we need more ice centers in the Bay Area. Sincerely, Ela Kucukcakar
Yiding Lei	Foster Ctly, CA	2013-05-13	The ice rink will benefit a lot of kids. They are our next generations and our future. Save some place for them is more important than earn more money. It also shows them our valuation. It is a symbol of our community.
Joyce Brazel	Fallbrook, CA	2013-05-13	My husband was very involved with Youth Hockey in Redwood City and it is so beneficial for kids today to have a place to go and a sport to play. Please do not take away this rink.
Hyde Kirby	Yardley, PA	2013-05-13	This rink has been enjoyed by my close friend's children for YEARS. The loss of a community center for ice sports would be a great loss to them.
Laura Lapwood	Temecula, CA	2013-05-13	So important for kids to have a place to go.
Caitlin Gaffney	Belmont, CA	2013-05-13	Because since fashion island was there, there has been an ice rink. This should not be replaced with another retail store we don't need
Megan Reger	San Jose, CA	2013-05-13	Ice time is in more demand than ever, and families are forced to waste precious time and resources commuting to rinks outside the area. The San Mateo Ice Center is a community resource that is fully utilized and deserves to be preserved.
george northup	redwood city, CA	2013-05-13	For many years our family has enjoyed the rink and it is such an important asset to the community
Gretchen Veteran	San Jose, CA	2013-05-13	My children are grown, but they all played ice hockey as youngsters. I am a huge fan of the Sharks and Bulls as well as Jr hockey in the area. It would be a huge loss to the community to lose this rink.
John Kottmeier	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-13	It is a vital part of our community!
Ryan Rotman	Santa Rosa, CA	2013-05-13	I have been involved with the game of hockey for 25 years and can't imagine kids/adults not having the opportunity to take part in it. I love the game and want others to have a rink near to their home so they can experience it as well.
Michael Dearborn	berkeley, CA	2013-05-13	Ice time is precious and there are limited resources in the Bay Area. Even though I live in the east bay, I've skated in Belmont, San Francisco, San Jose, and San Mateo in order to find available hockey stick time. Please keep the rink open for existing and new players.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Alexander Barna	Foster City, CA	2013-05-13	Gives needed recreation to our children.
V. Jain	San Jose, CA	2013-05-13	This facility is greatly needed and appreciated by ice hockey players not only in San Mateo but in entire Bay Area. Plus this also generates revenue for other stores nearby who shop there while their kids are playing ice hockey.
josh herman	foster city, CA	2013-05-13	i learned to skate here, and i skate frequently. i play roller and ice hockey. im 21.
Fran Dinnauer	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-13	Gives children a safe place to play and get exercise. We don't need more retail stores.
Corinne Marcus	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-13	We need spaces like this for young people. It is unthinkable to eliminate hockey and ice skating in San Mateo.
Merrill Feldman	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-13	It is a community asset that was Guaranteed by the City of San Mateo and the property developer and Must not be allowed to abandoned. My daughter is an avid skater
Jason Yip	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-13	I used to skate and play hockey at the San Mateo Ice Center and want my children to have the same opportunity to do so
Alana Feldman	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-13	We have enjoyed the rink in its current rendition and its prior rendition.
Christina Im	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-13	Taking away a facility that thousands of local patrons use throughout the year will not help the community. Not only is this facility a great venue for exercise for all ages, it's a place that keeps the community together. The impact of taking away this facility is much higher than taking away a baseball field.
Madeline Dela Cruz	So San Francisco, CA	2013-05-13	to support my nephew who gained so much self-confidence and self-esteem from using the rink
Mani Gopal	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-13	Fun for family and kids
Jennifer Sung	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-14	Our two girls take skating lessons and are at the rink at least 3 times per week. It is great physical activity. They have learned new skills, made new friends, become hockey fans, and have learned about sportsmanship. The staff at ICSM are friendly and love what they do. Our girls do not want to see the rink close!
Jennifer Cockroft	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-14	My sons play hockey and not only will they be crushed their ice time will be cut in half if the rink closes.
Darayush Mistry	Foster City, CA	2013-05-14	Our kids love skating at this ice rink
Irvina Jamel	Levittown, NY	2013-05-14	My cousin uses that rink and it is important to her.
Krystle Gossett	Oakdale, CA	2013-05-14	Children need a place to have some sort of physical activity. A shopping strip is not a good source of physical activity.
Jenny koong	los altos, CA	2013-05-14	My 2 girls have skated there many times. We love the airy beauty and large size of the rink. Please don't destroy it!
Edward Whittington	Mountain View, CA	2013-05-14	Ice rinks are now scarce in the bay area and so are recreational options in San Mateo. We need to draw the line with prioritizing monetary interests over the interests of a balanced city.
Robert Breen	Foster City, CA	2013-05-14	This is the only place in the area where my 9-year-old daughter can skate with her friends. Her Girl Scout troop goes too. My son's middle school friends play hockey there. It's a unique resource in the area. Please don't take it away.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Imelda Yang	Foster City, CA	2013-05-14	We play broomball there with friends, it's a great social and team-building activity for the community. The businesses in the area access it for their employee events. My kids want to sign up for skating lessons, please don't close the ice rink! It is an important service for the community. There are enough retails shops in the vicinity, we don't need anymore. What kind of values are we teaching the kids if we value shopping over the values that they learn from team sports? Please save the rink!
Karen Bresnahan	San Ramon, CA	2013-05-14	My children play ice hockey and northern CA needs rinks and healthy venues for children.
martin hoyes	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-14	My daughter is passionate about learning to ice skate
Christine Krolik	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-14	Every place that we have for local youth to engage in worthwhile activities is essential to our communities. This rink would be a tremendous loss.
Francene Gonek	Belmont, CA	2013-05-14	This is an important community event.
Linda Shaffer	Burlingame, CA	2013-05-14	My daughter LOVES skating! And we love having a rink in our community!!
David Shaffer	Burlingame, CA	2013-05-14	Our daughter loves her skating lessons at the San Mateo Ice Center! Living in Burlingame, Belmont is too far for us and going to SF is logistically complex after school. Please keep the rink!
Arienne Adamcikova	San Francisco, CA	2013-05-14	As a teacher at San Mateo High School, I understand the importance of having opportunities for kids to socialize and move in a safe and fun setting. Last year, one of my classes took the initiative to organize a classroom get together at this ice rink - we all got to know each other and it was great fun on a Saturday night! Some kids were practically professional skaters and some of the students had never set foot on ice before. We have to hold on to this ice rink and encourage more participation as a community. What a great way to spend time on the weekend - kids of all ages need to get out and play and not be encouraged to sit on the couch at home, play videogames or get in trouble because they are bored and have no healthy outlets.
Valerie Krieman	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-15	My son has played hockey here for 3 years and we love to skate here. Our high school students at SMHS also enjoy a number of fundraising events here.
Amanda Koong	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-15	I love to figure skate, and I would hate for the experience to be denied to other people.
Kim Reininger	Belmont, CA	2013-05-15	This place is the best for kids and the belmont community always brings their kids there. Why take a way someting so good for our community!!
Michelle Koskella	Burlingame, CA	2013-05-15	My son, who turns 5 this summer, has said since age 2 that he wants to play "ice hockey". When I went to sign him up for skating lessons I was sad to learn the rink might close. I have a daughter who plays competative soccer, but a new turf field is not as important to the community as the ice rink. And we certainly don't need a CVS (next to Target? Really?) or Nordstrom Rack!
Zach Mumbach	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-15	Because I play hockey there twice a week and we have enough drug stores already.
Ben Feldman	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-15	Sentimental value
Rosemary Cohan	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-15	We have a civic obligation to provide places for wholesome family activity. This ice rink is something we can be proud of. We need more retail like a hole in the head. Do the right thing & keep the ice rink!!
Chris Gebert	Foster City, CA	2013-05-15	I play at the rink and love it. It's a great place for families and our local kids should have every chance to skate, play hockey, exercise, and have fun.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Holly Bolling	Santa Cruz, CA	2013-05-15	The number of teams already gets cut as kids get older because there's not enough ice in the Bay Area. This means that kids that have been playing hockey for as long as they can remember may no longer have a team to play on in high school, just when they really need it.
Katie Herstein	Burligame, CA	2013-05-15	MY kids love this place...
Sharmill ROY	Foster City, CA	2013-05-15	My child learns ice skating. She aspires to be competing in ice skating soon.
Soma Roy	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-15	Its an asset to San Mateo and there is no other ice skating near by.
Nicholas Portolese	Alameda, CA	2013-05-15	I used to skate/coach at this facility and it hurts to think how this could impact all the children that benefit from this facility will now lose out if the rink is shutdown
Gladys Mercier	San Carlos, CA	2013-05-15	I play hockey a lot!!
Linda Parnham	Foster City, CA	2013-05-15	I truly believe that Play space ,This Ice Rink is important to the healthy development of the youth and keeps a safe and striving neighborhood!! Dont send another generation to the streets or onto the computer.This is a health battle already in Congress. Kepping this Ice rink open fights obesity and violence at oncel How cool is that.Please support the Families in keeping this Skate Rink available for use.
Bridget Michelsen	Foster city, CA	2013-05-15	I grew up using this ice rink - now my kids love this ice rink. It needs to stay, it's an important asset to our community.
Piali Mukherjee	Foster city, CA	2013-05-15	for my kids....they love to ice skate
Norbert Tydingco	Newark, CA	2013-05-15	<p>This rink is important because it benefits all who use the facility and the businesses that surround it. It's not just a safe and secure area for recreation; it is an area where people come together and relationships are formed.</p> <p>As a Newark resident, I have been to the rink many times with my hockey playing sons and with hockey teams that I have coached. Aside from using the rink, we have had many lunches and dinners at nearby restaurants such as Red Robin's; pregame coffee from Starbucks; and the quick stops at Target to get "stuff" for home "since we are already here...".</p> <p>Keep the rink as part of the community!</p>
Francine Baer	Foster City, CA	2013-05-15	My granddaughter loves her ice skating lesons
Sabrina Wilson	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-15	As I stated in a previous letter, this is one of only 5 ice rinks in SF, the Peninsula and Santa Clara areas. Please do not waste space with more retail that is going to overfill parking lots and bring extra unwanted traffic to our area. My daughter loves the ice rink and I believe that Californian lack the opportunity to enjoy this form of athletics.
Phil Lee	San Francisco, CA	2013-05-15	The ice rink is a staple in San Mateo and nearby cities, and has been my preferred venue when learning how to skate. Younger generations should be able to enjoy learning skating or hockey at a rink that has worked well for years.
Tracy Schwartz	San Jose, CA	2013-05-15	I play hockey at this rink with my husband. It has much better ice than many other nearby rinks, and it provides a wonderful healthy activity for families that I hope to get my daughter into when she's a bit older.
Amy Nakashima Kim	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-15	We are one of the only ice rinks on the peninsula, it needs to stay open!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Grace Ta	SSF, CA	2013-05-16	I skated here twenty two years ago. Now my three kids are taking lessons here. Many many sweet memories were made here. We need this rink to remain open for our youths. We don't need anymore department stores. Every corner you turn is department stores. How many is enough?
kim bennett	sterling, VA	2013-05-16	Kids need places to go and participate in healthy, constructive activities. We need more places like this, we shouldn't even think of closing a place like this down.
June Darmanian	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-16	healthy and good community
Masha Schneider	Foster City, CA	2013-05-16	My son is on the Cougars travel team and he spends a lot of time on this rink. It will be a big mistake to close the San Mateo Ice Center.
Crystal Baer	Belmont, CA	2013-05-16	I know many children and adults who enjoy taking ice skating classes and using the rink for entertainment.
Beverly Harrington	San Francisco, CA	2013-05-16	I learned to skate at San Francisco Ice Arena when I was a girl. It no longer exists. Please save this Ice Arena so many other children can learn to ice skate.
Lori Parks-Klinghagen	Foster City, CA	2013-05-16	The future of a community relies upon the next generation. If you fail to create communities that give the youth opportunities, you develop a stagnant community that will eventually decay and crumble away. In exchange for today's monetary gain, you are short-sightedly cutting a bloodline to the growth and development of the next generation.
Ron Klinghagen	Foster City, CA	2013-05-16	The look on my son's face as he counts down his final days of ice skating breaks my heart.
Mark Bernard	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-16	We need more recreational choice sfor our children.
Lisa Scotch	Livermore, CA	2013-05-16	The San Mateo Ice Center is the best, if not only, opportunity for San Mateo area parents and children to have access to an ice rink. Without the rink, we and our kids will no longer be able to play hockey, figure skate, attend public skate sessions, hold birthday parties, participate in laser skate nights, play broomball, and attend summer camp on the ice.
Stephen Soo	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-16	We need to keep more recreational facilities instead of having more shops, especially less common facilities like an ice rink.
Sherri Verducci	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-16	I love the ice rink, I grew up on it and so do my kids!!
Richard Shu	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-16	There are not enough sports and recreation facilities in San Mateo (indoors or out). Skating provides good exercise for individuals and teams. Skating is an indoor activity that people of all ages can participate in, even in inclement weather. We don't need another CVS. There are plenty of sites where new stores can be built. Keep or replace the skating rink!
debbie conliffe	san mateo, CA	2013-05-16	nice place for kids - not too many nice places left for kids to hang out and do something healthy (exercise)
Keith Calix	Stanford, CA	2013-05-16	Ice hockey has been the most impactful experience of my youth that has helped transform me to the leader I am today. Taking away this rink will rob young youth this capacity to live, learn, grow and ultimately, contribute positively to their communities.
Aaron Lewis	Stanford, CA	2013-05-16	I am a longtime hockey player in support of youth hockey, and feel it is of utmost importance to protect the few standing ice rinks we have in the bay area.
wendy zhong	san mateo, CA	2013-05-16	children need recreation like this
Shanon Devine	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-16	My cousin has been playing hockey at this rink for the past 8 years and it has been such a huge part of his life!!!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
rebecca goodell	El Granada, CA	2013-05-16	Because I have two kids!
mike nourie	san carlos, CA	2013-05-16	I have 2 children -- figure skating and hockey are great tools for raising kids, teaching them value of hard work and teamwork -- this translates directly to school. The programs available at Bridgepointe them happy, healthy, and out of trouble. My daughter (17 yrs old) spent 3 days/week for 10 years at the rink in the figure skating programs. My son (12) spends 4 days in travel hockey program -- it is an amazing tool to help develop amazing kids -- they just turn out well-balanced, healthy, and bright if you toss em in hockey and figure skating -- the city needs more rinks and programs, not less -- this closure thing is unbelievable --- build more rinks!! -- who needs more fast food and stores that sell crap from overseas?
Rick Lavezzo	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-16	Any athletic field of play must be preserved for the youth of the area.
Ryan Casey	Livermore, CA	2013-05-16	Kids Need a place to skate and play hockey!!!!!!!!!!!!
Shirley Tibbs	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-16	Allows all children to participate. They don't have to be classified as an athlete inn tdhe more popular sported. Opens up for girls who do not have many options for sporting activities.
Donna Reyes	Belmont, CA	2013-05-17	The ice rink is an institution it needs to be kept. It adds vibrancy to the Peninsula.
Stella Soo Hoo	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-17	We need more recreation places for kids, not the retail stores!
Raymond Chan	san mateo, CA	2013-05-17	I used it as well as my children. They really like it and is good for the community.
Kevin Chan	SAN MATEO, CA	2013-05-17	my kids go skating. The rink is one of the few remaining ice skating facilities in the area.
Anthony Del Balso	Foster City, CA	2013-05-17	Skating promotes healthy lifestyles and activity for kids parents and singles. This builds a healthier community, lowering healthcare costs, and increases happiness and family bonds!
Kevin Drake	Oakland, CA	2013-05-17	Do we really need to eliminate another option for kids to have something positive in the lives all in the name of profits, I think not!
Jennifer Gillett	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-17	I do not want another cvs nearby. Target is enough. I'm hopeful my son will be able to use the ice rink in his formative growing years and was saddened to hear it might shut down. Please allow this unique recreational opportunity to persist!
Jeffrey Maenaga	Los Altos, CA	2013-05-17	The Ice Center was like a second home to our family as my son played hockey there with the Cougars for several years, and as my daughter also competed as a figure skater. It's a place where you can see your children grow and develop their skills. It's a place where you can feel their passion for something they truly love to do and watch their self-esteem soar. A community cannot lose an environment such as that.
azmi mamis	hillsborough, CA	2013-05-17	It provide an alternative activities for kids to be active.
Marcella Murray	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-17	We need to support healthy activities for our youth...we don't need more shopping options!
Violeta Gutierrez-Therre Gutierrez-Therre	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-17	Kids need a place to have fun in the winter!
Joanna Gray	San Carls, CA	2013-05-17	This is crazy! This is a well used facility that brings money to the city. There is already a large target there, who needs another pharmacy!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Megan Moodie	Belmont, CA	2013-05-17	As a PE teacher I have many students that use this facility for recreational sports and I would hate to take that opportunity away from them.
Lori Daveggio	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-17	It is so important- not just to my family, but our community as a whole, to provide safe activities for our kids- promoting community, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of belonging.
Linda San Felipe	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-17	Our toddlers and teenagers need more healthy outlets, places that can provide them with good, clean fun. Obesity is at an all time high among our adolescent population. Why would you even consider taking out a venue where they can be physically active with an added bonus of keeping them out of trouble? Would you rather they sit around all day, complaining they are bored, maybe even dangle in illegal substances at their friend's houses to kill the time? We need more places like the ice skating rink, not less. Please do what's right for our kids!
Michelle Curtis	San Carlos, CA	2013-05-17	Recreational space is critical to a thriving and healthy community. This space is loved, highly utilized and an integral part of the community. We cannot lose or relocate what it brings us. Once lost it will be forever gone.
Kim Overton	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-17	Our family, scout troops, our schools have enjoyed the San Mateo Ice Center for years. It is so cool to have a rink in our backyard. San Mateo continues to be a optimal place to play and work-- more so with an ice rink. We know families from other cities who come to San Mateo to skate and eat, especially on weekends. Ice skating is one of the few physical and recreational activities that a whole family can do together. Please save our rink. Thank you!
Kerry Brown	Eden Prairie, MN	2013-05-18	I am from San Mateo (temporarily relocated to Minnesota) and think it would be a shame to lose a fun family friendly activity in the Peninsula.
Chanda Jensen	El Granada, CA	2013-05-18	Our son started his ice hockey career at this rink when it first reopened with Mario Morrisetti. There are many happy family memories there and the rink provides a vital service to the families of the penninsula as another alternative recreational activity space. Otherwise, youth would have to travel all the way to SanJose for quality ice hockey opportunities.
Michael Stecher	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-18	Having grown up with the giant white tents of Fashion Island signalling the beg/end of the bridge and a chance to skate in an indoor mall. But that was another time. Today we have a rink that stands along with a diner as a sidekick. Please save the ice rink! Maybe add a good sized arcade and a food court, instead of the ever changing restaurants to entertain & tide skaters over, while adding extra income. This ice rink is a fantastic jewel to San Mateo. Please, please do not let it slip away. A synthetic soccer, with its black rubber bits, will cook its players in the hot sun. The rink provides year round fun. Most importantly, it is a place that creates endless joy for winter athletes in training, of all ages. The Fashion Island Ice Rink is timeless. Thank you, Mike Stecher
Pearla Moler	Spartanburg, SC	2013-05-18	A great place to keep children off the streets and out of danger plus it's great exercise keeping the children from being obese which is a current problem today in this country.
Pat Obuchowski	Foster City, CA	2013-05-18	I live here and love the ice rink. We need this type of recreation for all in our community. M nephews love ice hockey and have learned how to really be a part of a team.
Gretchen Michaels	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-18	We NEED more rec facilities in SM! NOT another drug store!!!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Abby Esperanza	South San Francisco, CA	2013-05-18	Having the ice rink in our community it brings family together... On this very hectic life it's nice to have family quality time!!! Please don't take our rink away!!!
Thomas Mangee	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-18	Ice hockey and skating is my passion and having a rink within 7 miles is important and was a magnet for me to move here.
Bryan Young	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-18	San Mateo needs less retail and more activities for kids and families.
Steven Chanan	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-18	We have (more than) enough big box stores and ugly residential developments. The ice rink is an important, one-of-a-kind local resource that must be preserved!
Dawn Abraham	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-18	I am extremely disappointed to learn that the city council is moving towards closing the ice rink at the Bridge Point complex in spite of continued efforts from parents and the residents of San Mateo. This ice rink has provided much needed activities for the children in this city and the surrounding areas. As residents, we are observing that cities are closing down more and more complexes offering activities for children and youth in favor of bringing retail stores without any consideration for the needs of the children who are the future of these cities. My children have been learning ice skating here for a number of years and they look forward to coming here. It will be shame to lose this ice rink to a retail store.
Tedd Vanadilok	San Carlos, CA	2013-05-18	Youth sports is important for our children. I personally play ice hockey and want my daughter to at least learn how to ice skate. Having less rinks for her to try is not good for her or other children now and the future.
Alex Bantov	San Francisco, CA	2013-05-19	Children development on ice, the best conditioning mentally and physically. This rink serves a greater good for the whole community!
Marilyn Harris	Omaha, NE	2013-05-19	Youth hockey creates community, teaches children how to be team players, and is just plain fun! In my own experience, ice rinks were a core part of my childhood and my sense of community and belonging. Don't deprive San Mateo of a great gathering place for figure skaters and hockey players alike!
Meronig Kurkeyerian-Carter	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-19	You're taking an important arena away from our local youth and replacing it with a retail store? Shame on those whose priorities take from our kids.
Kevin McBride	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-19	The children really need this facility. There is more than enough retail as it is.
Mireya Rodriguez	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-19	Kids need as much physical activity as possible
Stefanie Poe	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-19	Cause it's a god place for the kids to go
xuemei private	foster city, CA	2013-05-20	my son has been here since he was four and is still there now
Debra Brumbaugh	Fremont, CA	2013-05-20	My daughter learned to ice skate here when she was 5 years old and took lessons for many years! It's still an amazing place for her to go to ... she's 14 now. PLEASE do what it takes to keep this treasure open! <3
Deanne Sweidan	South San Francisco, CA	2013-05-20	My children and I love this place!
Melissa Edfeldt	Bergshamra, Sweden	2013-05-20	Taking away the availability of physical activity for young people should not be an option for balancing a budget - ever.
Margot Spencer	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-20	Fun for the entire family to do together.
Wei Chen	Foster City, CA	2013-05-20	my son is in the hockey team, if the rink is taken away, it's very hard for us to drive to Cupertino to join the team there. please save this Rink!!!
David Bingham	Menlo Park, CA	2013-05-20	The San Mateo ice rink is a wonderful recreational virtue of the city of San Mateo. It brings people from all over the state to your city. If you look at the faces of the people who skate there you will see that it makes people smile, laugh and have fun. It provides good healthy exercise; It's wonderful and people love it. What a shame to turn it into a big box store.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Christina Stevens	Millbrae, CA	2013-05-20	My 4 year old daughter LOVES to ice skate and this is the closest and best rink in the area.
Julie Abraham	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-20	Kids need to expend energy, have things to do outside of school and have fun together. We have plenty of big box stores, and the big box stores we have do not need another competitor given the economic climate and competition from the internet. Please help the community save this vital resource for our youth.
regina trapp	san mateo, CA	2013-05-20	I want more opportunities to be ACTIVE in my community and not SHOP!
Song Ye	Foster City, CA	2013-05-20	Please keep the ice rink!
Renata Lance	san mateo, CA	2013-05-20	It's for the kids....plain and simple. I would much rather see my kids on the ice rink than their iPhones. Please think about the kids for once.
Paul Stevens	Millbrae, CA	2013-05-20	This ice rink was a requirement for the property to be developed. To take this away so that the city can have some slight additional sales tax revenue is horrible. All the new place will do is sell more things and contribute more trash to our overflowing landfills.
Stephen Schlueter	Foster City, CA	2013-05-21	It's a recreational area unique to the area, not satisfied by any other nearby facility.
Daniel Halteh	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-21	I grew up coming here all my life. This place is my childhood. To see it torn away from me, my peers, and all of the unfortunate kids who won't be able to make this place a part of their childhoods is a huge travesty.
Aetina Hawthorne	Rialto, CA	2013-05-21	My friend skates there.
John Parkinson	Hayward, CA	2013-05-21	Aside from giving the kids a place to enjoy an active healthy sport. It is important to me for adult hockey league.
Georganna Harris	Hayward, CA	2013-05-21	To keep kids active and off the streets so they don't turn to crime or gangs. Give them something to do and encourage them to learn sports and a team environment. Also it's so important to keep kids engaged and not sit in front of their iPods and Xbox games. Not only for kids but adults enjoy this rink as well. Brings money to San Mateo. Don't take an active sport away that brings people together to add more shopping stores. Aren't there enough already?
So Trinh	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-21	What else needs to be said, " The San Mateo Ice Center is the best, if not only, opportunity for San Mateo area parents and children to have access to an ice rink. Without the rink, we and our kids will no longer be able to play hockey, figure skate, attend public skate sessions, hold birthday parties, participate in laser skate nights, play broomball, and attend summer camp on the ice."
Chris Watkins	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-21	So people have a place to skate
Alan DeLong	Foster City, CA	2013-05-21	hockey for my son.
Jerry Levi	San Francisco, CA	2013-05-22	I am more interested to See Both Kids and Adults Have Fun in a Sport and Social Activity than to Hear About Them Be Bored and Violent and Do Something They Might Regret For The Rest of Their Lives!!!!!!!!!!!!
Ian Vasbinder	Fairfield, CA	2013-05-22	Facilities such as ice rinks provide a great experience for families in what they offer rather than just another retail store. Ice rinks are rather rare and unique for people to be able to utilize while stores are pretty commonplace. Sometimes tax revenue should take a backseat to what a facility can do for families and friends. Watching your kids play in a hockey game or figure skate or just skate for the holidays will leave a more lasting impression than just another place to shop at.
Melinda Kogoma	Belmont, CA	2013-05-22	We really don't need anymore retail facilities around. Kids and families need a place to gather.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Tara Arcia	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-23	This ice rink is the home of many special memories and I hope it to be the same for many more in the upcoming future.
N Lee	Millbrae, CA	2013-05-24	Lots of great memories skating at Fashion Island with my late husband. Please keep the rink open.
Raina Bhargava	Hillsborough, CA	2013-05-25	I could not imagine life without this rink!
Chan Chan Mao	Foster City, CA	2013-05-26	The Ice Chalet is a great place for me and my friends to hang out.
Amilee Kelly	Pacifica, CA	2013-05-26	My children learned to skate here and we've all enjoyed spending time here all year round.
Angelina Cortez	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-26	i go to this rink every friday. It's really fun to skate around. I get to see my friends there that i cant see when im at home.
Alli Jimenez	Foster City, CA	2013-05-28	My friends and I skate there every Friday and it's the only time we really have together outside of school and it's become a regular thing for us.
Angela Quillen	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-28	I have 3 kids who like to ice skate
Joseph Scaturro	Redwood City, CA	2013-05-30	I love ice skating and hope that it stays
Sean Kennedy	San Mateo, CA	2013-05-31	Hockey needs a future in San Mateo
Tracey Ananmalay	San Jose, CA	2013-06-01	We've spent many hours cheering on our sons as they've competed at the Bridgepoint rink. The retailers might be interested to know that during one of those trips we spent a few thousand dollars on new chairs. It would NEVER have happened without the ice rink. Being from the South Bay, we would have no other to spend our money there. I can't count the number of meals we've had at the local restaurants either. Maybe not such a smart business decision after all....
Joshua Froomin	Foster City, CA	2013-06-02	Hockey is a main source of excursive and fun, the community can strive off of some extra events that could be held to keep the profit of the rink flowing for the extra money needed to pay a higher lease.
David Straub	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-02	Cougar for lyfe
Brennan Kee	San Jose, CA	2013-06-02	For the past 10 summers i have been playing hockey there every morning. this is my home rink and with this gone I am left with no where to go. PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THIS RINK!!!!!!!
Lenore Wilkas	Foster City, CA	2013-06-02	It's a community benefit. My grand children skate there and play hockey there. It is used by the community 20 hours a day, 7 days a week. These people spend their money at the center and will boycott the center if the rink is not allowed to operate. The center owners are in violation of the San Mateo Charter for a recreation facility to be in this center.
mark cooper	santa cruz, CA	2013-06-03	hockey is growing in northern california, and local rinks like this are critical to locals learning and playing. We come to this rink 3-4 times per year, and while there shop, eat, and visit local businesses, including Sports Authority, Target, Mimis, Chipolte,
Jane Cozad	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	We should be supporting recreational opportunities for our citizens, not tearing them down to build more retail.
Curtis Raff	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	Not just for my children, but the community needs more athletic and social outlets for children and not more chain-stores.
Erin Macias	Pacifica, CA	2013-06-03	This rink should be considered a landmark. This is the only existing structure from Fashion Island Mall with the original tile work at the entrance. What a huge loss to our community should they close down this rink.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jennifer Perez	Hayward, CA	2013-06-03	I grew up in this area. I had many birthdays and memories at this rink. My son also has memories there and want to take my 2 year old daughter there someday!
Tina Crisci	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	My daughter has been taking figure skating lessons at the rink for 10 years since she was 7 years old. She has learned so many things about skating and has a wonderful support system of adults and kids that are separate from her school. Please save this facility. Its benefits cannot be replicated with another retail store.
carol hee	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	The Ice Rink is a great recreational facility for families and the community
Veronica Faussner	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	We need athletic facilities for kids and adults. When the shopping center was built that was part of the deal when it was approved for development. We do NOT need more big box. Has anyone requested the traffic impact should the use change to a Big Box use? That area is already congested 90% of the time without additional retail.
Angela Fragomeni	Burlingame, CA	2013-06-03	This mall was once a place designed for kids and teens. We took the bus there, played video games on stand up machines, ate at the surrounding food court and went skating at night. Although changed, there few places like this left. Kids and parents can still go skating, lessons taught, hockey played by both youth and adults. If the rink is destroyed, none of this can happen. There have been far worse decisions made there, the huge sushi palace, it's terrible and takes up much space. There has been food chain after food chain built and all the mall stores and atmosphere has been removed. To bring this back, you don't have to kill the last remaining piece of what made that area fashion island. Look at the changed and damage and wasted space you and those before you reconstructed. And figure out how to fix that and bring back the mall while incorporating the rink. It is a useful and needed place in San Mateo County. Demolishing the rink is not the answer.
Muriel Lundquist	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	We need to place a higher priority on exercise and providing options to our youth and adults. Ice Skating should remain an option in our community. Too many rinks have been allowed to close in the area. We need to keep ours in our community.
dan forster	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-03	They made a deal now they want out of the deal. improvements to other facilities is not acceptable. this is and has been a athletic facility for over 20 years. reducing the athletic opportunities in this time of child hood obesity is counter productive to the health and wellbeing of our children and our selves. Just Say NO
James Goh	Burlingame, CA	2013-06-03	demolishing the San Mateo rink will mean fewer kids learn to skate or experience the thrill of ice hockey and figure skating.
Tim Murphy	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	I support diverse community sports development programs. I grew up playing ice hockey and learned countless important life lessons and am very inbedted to the game
Norman Badillo	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-03	I grew up in San Mateo/Foster City Area and the ice rink was the staple.. I now have kids of my own who love it (13 and 17), and I want their kids in the future to enjoy it as well.
Beth Kawasaki	Atherton, CA	2013-06-03	Healthy dreams and stars have been born here! Don't take that away for more box stores.
Richard Beames	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	Keep our youth fit. All ice sports promote healthy bodies with promote healthy minds

Name	Location	Date	Comment
christina mangano	hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	The rink is an indispensable in our community. All of my four children use the rink for exercise and socialization. There is no comparable facility within the Bay area. I will boycott whatever franchise occupies the current space.
Andrew Corradini	Foster City / San Mateo, CA	2013-06-03	I've been playing hockey here. My two boys have been playing hockey here. We come here on weekends to skate. It is a UNIQUE component of, and asset to, our community, and there is NO adequate replacement or substitute. (And - more retail - do we REALLY want to have THAT be more important in our community?)
Keynes Lim	hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	My daughter learned how to skate at this rink. It provided a great place for families to spend time together and have fun at the same time. For example, my daughter just loved skating her dad. It brought such a smile on her face that's priceless. Now, my son wants to take up on skating as well. Please don't take away the rink. It's so important to have a skating rink like this not just to encourage sports, wellness, but also family values of spending time together.
Jennifer Schaffer	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-03	My children have loved skating here for many years and hope to be able to continue to do so.
Aaron Zornes	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-04	The community needs the venue
Nancy Chaudoir	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-04	I recall when Fashion Island was going to be torn down and Bridgeport was going to be built one of the stipulations was keeping the ice rink. We do not need another park. This does not replace a skating rink
Alexander Wilkas	Foster City, CA	2013-06-04	We don't need more big box stores, we need a place for our kids to play.....
Mia Maddalena	San Francisco, CA	2013-06-04	I only have little ones but when they get older they want to learn to ice skate. I love skating and just bought new skates myself. PLEASE don't close the rink!!!
Lisa Lockwood	San Jose, CA	2013-06-04	All kids need a place to play hockey and as a Jr. Shark the Cougars are an important team in our league and we don't want to see them without a place to play.
Luz Avila	Redwood City, CA	2013-06-04	It is a great recreation place for our children
Jeff Lockwood	San Jose, CA	2013-06-04	Loss of ANY ice is bad for hockey and bad for kids
Joseph Marinas	San Jose, CA	2013-06-04	Ice rinks are scarce in the peninsula. Also this rink is the last remnant of Fashion Island.
Rickee Tetherow	Morgan Hill, CA	2013-06-04	Please don't take away the experience of hockey for all the boys and girls that love the sport.
Julie Weiss	Spain	2013-06-04	My brother and I grew up at Fashion Island. My mother started us in group skating lessons when we were just 4 and 7, respectively, and both of us went on to become competitive figure skaters, my brother having competed in pairs at national and international levels. We, along with dozens of other hopeful future Olympians, used to practice there at five in the morning, before school, after school, on Friday nights, and at weekends. It was our second home, where we learned all about hard work, discipline, drive, and sportsmanship. My brother, skating friends and I have thousands of priceless memories there, and we would hate to see future generations of figure skaters and hockey skaters deprived of the chance to skate to the top.
Sandy Shapiro	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-05	Because I have a daughter who I hope can one day enjoy this ice rink :)
Lisa Norman	Reno, NV	2013-06-05	used to work there in 91-93. Great ice facility and ice skating is a great sport.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Ronald Desmarais	South San Francisco, CA	2013-06-05	I have played and coached hockey for many years in San Mateo. I has changed the lives of many children. Hockey USA is groing and gaining on other Countries who have natural ice, ie: cold weather climates. California hockey is growing all the time. Closing San Mateo will insure a significant decrease in any gains that we have accomplished. More retail stores is not what the community needs. Thank you.
Tom Stuart	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-05	This is where my children are learning to skate and where I get to blow off some steam playing hockey.
rick tippins	Danville, CA	2013-06-05	There are too few rinks in California to begin with. Ice time is hard to get and now it just got harder. This closure has displaced hundreds of hockey players of all ages.
Mark Fisher	Danville, CA	2013-06-06	We need to keep our youth active and engaged. Please keep this rink alive.
Patrick Farley	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-06	Kids and Adults need a venue to ice skate
eric weinhagen	pleasanton, CA	2013-06-07	A great sport, a great community developed not found in another box store.
David Scanlan	Hillsborough, CA	2013-06-07	I play adult hockey here, and its the highlight of my week to put on my skates!
Marilee Brown	San Jose, CA	2013-06-10	I drive my son 35 minutes each way to play on the California Cougars Ice Hockey team out of the Bridgepointe rink.
Dion Isgro	Mountain View, CA	2013-06-10	I lived in San Mateo from 03-05, and used to babysit 2 boys that would play there. It was the most important thing they looked forward to.
Glenl Eastman	Moss Beach, CA	2013-06-10	Having diverse recreational facilities for families is a cornerstone of a healthy community and economy. There are plenty of retail opportunities in the San Mateo area. If we don't work to make available all forms of recreation all we will have is a generation of "Mall Rats"!
Christine Adams	Santa Rosa, CA	2013-06-11	I grew up in San Mateo and I still end up there at least once a week. I enjoy ice skating with my own kids and my nieces and nephews that live in SAN Mateo.
Diane Furlan	Belmont, CA	2013-06-11	Having a place to meet and play is important for our youth. The peninsula offers few places where parents can drop their kids off for recreational fun. If this rink closes many will be without a healthy activity. Please reconsider closing this facility.
David KohnkeDavidK	BelmontC, CA	2013-06-11	I strongly support all kinds of physical activity for our kids and adults. This skating rink provides wonderful opportunities for athletic participation in hockey and figure skating as well as a great social environment for recreational skating and social
Lisa Sanguinetti	San Carloa, CA	2013-06-11	There are so few places for kids to go that provides exercise and is reasonably priced. These are what memories are made of.
Linda Goldfarb	Belmont, CA	2013-06-11	The local ice rink provides a place for children to learn to ice skate in a safe environment. . We are trying to keep our youngsters active and healthy. What a shame it would be to lose this gem.
Katie Debski	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-11	My husband grew up playing hockey and we are excited for our 2 year old to start playing when he's old enough--not to mention the other fun skating activities currently held at the rink. He'll really miss out if we lose this fantastic community resource.
Patrick Walker	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-11	I play ice hockey here, and there are just not enough rinks and activities around. The rink is always busy, and why the hell do we need another CVS. REALLY?

Name	Location	Date	Comment
shane ushijima	Foster City, CA	2013-06-11	I have 3 children that love going ice skating there. All our kids need healthy options in their community where they can be safe and have fun.
Carol Palacio	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-11	I have a young child and friends who use the rink. I have also used the rink as a former hockey player over the years. It is extremely important to have fun places in the city. What will be left for our children if these places slowly disappear? It is extremely frustrating to lose these places. I wish the City could own and operate the rink, or require that it be maintained and operated as part of the rights to do business in the city.
Alan Palter	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-11	I believe recreational opportunities are of critical importance for our youth, as well as for adults. This is an important facility.
Ketan Bhavan	Belmont, CA	2013-06-12	Important because it's a unique, year-round recreational facility for kids to learn to skate, play hockey and figure skate.
Rodney Stanton	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	Because activity keeps people around longer, builds community and gives me reason to shop at the already existing stores.
Lisa Vande Voorde	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	I am not an ice skater. But as a long-time resident of San Mateo, I feel that the Bridgepointe rink it has great value to our community. It is an amenity that San Mateo has that very few cities can ever say they have. Interest in ice hockey is huge, especially with the San Jose Sharks down the road. The rink attracts both boys and girls, giving them a unique athletic opportunity. I just don't understand why the City of San Mateo is giving this jewel away. Placing turf on an existing field and building a new restroom is NOT a replacement for the ice rink. I urge the City Council to keep the rink, and not change the Master Plan to allow retail development in its place. It would be such a shame to lose our ice rink, and if that happens, all I can say is shame on those who brought it to be.
Sakuntala Yegnashankaran	Belmont, CA	2013-06-12	We have too many businesses but just one unique ice rink.
H. Hennen	grass valley, CA	2013-06-12	It seems that money is more important than a safe place for the kids. You could change that by voting to keep it open
Tammie Medeiros	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	Places for our kids to go in San Mateo
Nicole Lynn	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	I want to see more, not less, sports options and venues in our community. By eliminating the ice rink the options narrow....it's home to at least 2 sports--hockey and figure skating. The Bay Area is not saturated with ice facilities unlike playing fields. We need to encourage maintenance and GROWTH of those other types of venues. We should not be eliminating those that exist!
Aria Lynn	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	I am signing this petition because I like to go to the ice rink with my friends. Is a fun place to hang out for teenagers and a great way to fundraise for school events.
Chris Huth	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	The ice rink is dear to many families in San Mateo for a variety of reasons. We took our kids there to learn how to skate when they were tiny, family outings, birthday parties, etc. Not only would we be losing something of great value to our community we would be allowing the original agreement for building the shopping complex to be altered. The original city-approved master plan for the complex REQUIRES a rink (or similar recreational use facility). We can't allow ourselves to be bullied in to changing what was a very wise stipulation to the original plan. Please keep the Ice Rink here in San Mateo available for many years to come.
Mary Kay Tsamasfyros	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	keep sports alive... give the kids many different options for exercise
Nicole Lynn	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	My boys the rink when they were teenagers.go off street fun.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Nicole Lynn	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-12	We enjoy going! We have hosted our kids birthdays there.
Lori Chinn	san mateo, CA	2013-06-12	have children who skate there for various activities/celebrations
Melanie Smith	San Carlos, CA	2013-06-13	It's a great place for both kids and Adults to have some recreational fun together.
Alex Furuya	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-13	It's the closest ice rink here
jeanne mccarthy	san mateo, CA	2013-06-13	A former student and hockey player still practices with his team at the site. However, perhaps more important is the agreement that the city made via the master plan. What is the point of having a plan if there is no intention of following it? SPI Holdings Limited Liability Corporation's offer to build a park restroom and re-turf an existing field is a distraction to the real issue: violation of public trust in local government. I am encouraged by the city council's recent rulings on the issue regarding 7-Eleven; please do the right thing again.
Kristin Mercer	Belmont, CA	2013-06-13	SM has an excess of retail space and a high ratio of commercially zoned land, most of it under-developed. Keep zoning balanced for a balanced community. Enough big boxes - the rink is a unique venue that distinguishes SM from every other city in the sea of strip-malls
Rebecca Taylor	Belmont, CA	2013-06-14	I learnt to skate there and so did my two kids. It's shocking that they want to remove it for more stores. Skiing is awesome exercise, our society needs easy access to rinks like this. Please let us keep the rink.
Neelam Desai	San Jose, CA	2013-06-14	my kids and nephews/nieces go there
shreya desai	redwood shores, CA	2013-06-14	My nephew goes there and i take him
Craig Nishizaki	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-18	It's important for a community to have places for families to have fun in a safe and fun environment
KENNETH TONNA	DALY CITY, CA	2013-06-19	The ordinance providing recreation for our children must be honored .
Terry O'Neill	San Francisco, CA	2013-06-20	I taught for many years and know the importance of sports and exercise. I also ice skated for many years and found it a great way to meet people and learn many skills that can be used in so many areas of life. We need to provide opportunities for people to find areas of interest like this and in the long run the city is a winner getting an active involved citizen.
Barb Pavicic	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-20	My family enjoyed the ice rink and I'd like it to continue for other families. San Mateo does not need any more stores, we need safe, fun places for exercise and community.
stacy bins	san mateo, CA	2013-06-20	Because our kids and family need this over another store. Seriously.
JEAN VERGARA	SAN MATEO, CA	2013-06-20	THIS IS THE ONLY RINK FOR MILES AND IT IS WELL USED. I REALLY DON'T WANT TO CHANGE THE ZONING JUST TO AID BUSINESS OWNER. THEY KNEW THE "RULES" WHEN THEY SIGNED ON.
Peter Breining	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-20	Who needs another big box store? Don't diminish our quality of life and turn us into rats on a treadmill, going from corporate offices to big box stores and back.
Patricia Baylo	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-20	Have known so many children who go there including my grandson and his friends. Great place to have a childrens party.
Matthew Gallatin	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-20	There are becoming fewer and fewer ways for kids to have opportunities for unstructured sports. Open skating is one of the few left. Plus, we don't need more shopping, we need for opportunities for kids to be active.
Carissa Oberholser	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-20	give children a save place to play and participation in skating/hocky is a great exercize/fun opportunity

Name	Location	Date	Comment
julie venosa	san mateo, CA	2013-06-20	My son who is in college now, enjoyed many many hours there, I can't imagine San Mateo without it!
Mike Leon Guerrero	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	San Mateo needs to preserve space and companies that provide services to SM children, not another box store.
Fred Chiappe	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	Zoning can't be changed with some under the table deal just because or with public input...It's only right
Fedora Armbrust	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	We have enough stores to shop at. We need more places for our children to play.
Donna Amoroso	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	There is enough retail. We only have one ice rink. My kids love to ice skate.
Ann Rounds	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	I was once a skater, and I know how important it is to have such an outlet in our community.
Cariad Thronson	Burlingame, CA	2013-06-21	My kids love to go ice skating at Bridgepointe - we go often!
Bart Beeman	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	We have plenty of big box stores, what we don't have are enough physical activity areas to raise healthy kids!
carol nicholas	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	Ice sports are a positive activity for our youth in San Mateo. Let's preserve this opportunity for our children.
Marisa Ames	Raleigh, NC	2013-06-21	I hope my niece will have a rink to skate in when she grows up!
loretta picard	san mateo, CA	2013-06-21	We want our youth to be involved in exercise. Our grandkis play hockey. Ice skating is social as well as physical. The rink is a benefit to our community. The set-up to make ice would be a sad thing for our community to lose.
Rebecca Olson	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	My husband and kids love going ice skating here. There are so few places to ice skate and this is a wonderful, large rink. My family loves the skating parties sponsored by their school, girl scouts, etc. so they can get together and skate with friends. Why tear down a beautiful rink that so many people are enjoying and build more stores? We have enough stores! What a waste!
Lisa Molloy	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	great activity for my children
Jonathan Taylor	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-21	With all the additional housing be built in San Mateo we need more fun family things to do than less.
Colin Ducey	San Jose, CA	2013-06-22	We need to keep our family recreational areas available to the community. Not another shopping center. Hockey and skating are vital assets to keeping our kids active and participating in sports.
Kenneth Louden	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-22	My kids love the rink!
Betty Oen	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-22	I used to skate there when I was young. If this rink gets destroyed, we will never get another one and our children and grandchildren will never have the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful experience of a neighborhood ice rink.
chip hennen	san mateo, CA	2013-06-23	the skating rink is very important to the youth of our county.
Chris Bourg	sunnyvale, CA	2013-06-24	I think the availability of a variety of sports and recreation venues (including ice rinks) is important for healthy communities.
Danny Shih	San Mateo, CA	2013-06-24	We have enough stores, but only a handful of ice skating rings. This ice skating ring is important for families and promotes exercise.... please dont get rid of the skating ring
michelle rammig	clearlake, CA	2013-06-24	I have fond memories that you will crush if you take away the ice rink. We need fun and activities for our children, not more stores. Keep kids off the streets and think morally instead of the bottom line. Thankfully, Michelle Rammig. (I still have a lot of family in the area)
Lorna Fear	Redwood City, CA	2013-06-28	Kids need as many activities as we can provide, to build their bodies and team playing skills! Save the San Mateo Ice Center!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
regina islas	menlo park, CA	2013-07-04	This is a community asset that should be saved!
Elizabeth Blackman	San Mateo, CA	2013-07-04	Save the San Mateo Ice Center; we need more ice time, not more chain stores

The San Mateo Ice Center is the best, if not only, opportunity for San Mateo area parents and children to have access to an ice rink. Without the rink, we and our kids will no longer be able to play hockey, figure skate, attend public skate sessions, hold birthday parties, participate in laser skate nights, play broomball, and attend summer camp on the ice.

Not even a year ago, the San Mateo Daily Journal wrote an article about how demand for ice time is skyrocketing at San Mateo and other rinks in the area. Ice is hard to come by and demolishing the San Mateo rink will mean fewer kids learn to skate or experience the thrill of ice hockey and figure skating. San Mateo families will face longer commutes, higher costs, and less convenient hours for kids who play hockey or compete in figure skating. The San Mateo rink is currently busy from early morning to late at night - 18 hours a day. The closest rink, Belmont Iceland, is also at capacity and packed well into the night. Unlike San Mateo, the Belmont rink isn't full size so some competition levels cannot play there. All the rinks in the Bay Area are currently at capacity. Closing San Mateo will increase demand on other rinks, increasing costs for San Mateo families that will now need to travel elsewhere.

Interest in ice hockey in San Mateo continues to grow significantly. This fall, the San Francisco Bulls pro hockey team will hold their inaugural season at the nearby Cow Palace. This will result in even more children taking hockey lessons and joining leagues. The California Cougars youth hockey program, serving kids as young as 5, is currently headquartered at the San Mateo rink. Many Cougar alumni are playing at college, junior, and professional levels; current skaters dream of one day following in their footsteps.

Figure skating demands on ice time also continue to grow; recent San Mateo competitions have hosted well over three hundred skaters and their families. San Mateo Ice Center has a legacy of amazing and accomplished U.S. figure skaters. Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi got her start in San Mateo. Gold Medalist Brian Boitano and Bronze Medalist Debi Thomas also skated in San Mateo during their competitive careers.

While we appreciate SPI Holdings LLC's offer to build a park restroom and provide synthetic turf on an existing soccer field, we feel this will be of less benefit and use to the community than the rink. The artificial turf will only increase playtime a few days a year. Closing the rink will eliminate ice time year-round for thousands in our community.

Losing the rink will greatly change the lives of San Mateo and other area families, many of whom moved here due to the rink. The San Mateo City Council made a commitment to this community in their previous 5-0 votes to keep the rink. An entire ice skating culture has grown and developed from that commitment. We ask that the City Council not reverse its previous decisions and not change the current master plan to demolish the ice rink and build more chain stores.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Blackman

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Joann Landi	Palomar Park, CA	2013-07-04	We need more recreational venues in San Mateo County--not less.
Dina Artzt	Belmont, CA	2013-07-07	I completely agree with Diana's comment. Ditto ditto.
Alan Sary	Richmond, CA	2013-07-10	I've skated and played hockey at the rink for years. It's one of the best rinks I've ever skated in, popular with both adults and kids. In fact, my only complaint has been that the rink doesn't have enough programs for adults. It's a shame to see this fine facility close.
Jodie Duncan	San Mateo, CA	2013-07-15	Skating brings people from all walks of life together. It doesn't care who you are, It is for every one.
ANNE MCDEVITT	FOSTER CITY, CA	2013-07-16	OUR FAMILY HAD MANY EXCITING AND FUN TIMES ICE SKATING. THE WHOLE FAMILY GOT INVOLVED. PLUS I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC AND WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT ALL FORMS OF EXERCISE FOR OUR FAMILIES.
Stephen Rosenblum	Palo Alto, CA	2013-07-16	We need more recreation opportunities, not less so people will remain active.
Chris Usselman	Berkeley, CA	2013-07-16	I think kids and families need a local ice rink. Look at their smiles. Ice skating is fun. I use to love it as a child. Leave the rink open, please !!
Amanda Petel	San Carlos, CA	2013-07-16	My son learned to skate there!
Marisa Menicucci	Sunnyvale, CA	2013-07-16	There are not enough ice rinks in the bay area!
janet tatar	San Jose, CA	2013-07-16	I work across the street and I see how many kids enjoy the rink. Please don't give us another place to shop. Spending time enjoying each other in play is much more life affirming..
Laura Peterhans	Belmont, CA	2013-07-16	As a long time area resident, formerly for 30 years in San Mateo, I recognize the need for an ice rink in our area. There is little for children to do other than team sports...i.e. the roller rink closed...no mini-golf nearby...etc. Also this rink draws people (and the shoppers who accompany them) to Bridgepointe. Please support the rink.
David Richardson	Mountain View, CA	2013-07-17	Having local access to the rink makes sense for the reasons the Sierra Club lists. Hockey and figure skating are both excellent sports. The Bay Area already has plenty of big box stores, but not enough athletic facilities.
Karen Hoffman	montara, CA	2013-07-17	don't take away another place where families can spend quality family time together -- no more stores, please!
alain hermans	Hasselt Belgium, Belgium	2013-07-19	Everyone who has kids wants to give them a healthy education !! Sport in your neighbourhood is a great tool !
kathryn mazina	san mateo, CA	2013-07-19	Supports the environment, supports the community, and on a more personal level-we have enough stores in the Bridgepointe area now.
Haley Swanson	San Mateo, CA	2013-07-22	YOU CAN'T SHUT DOWN THE RINK!!! The Parks and Recreation Department in San Mateo County is far above average. However, there are limited ice rinks in the Bay Area. If the San Mateo rink shuts down, more people will be forced to commute to the few other rinks that are "nearby." San Mateo residents will have to begin commuting to San Jose for ice time, creating more traffic and pushing us even closer to the CO2 tipping point. The Ice Center was my first job! I have a place in my heart for the people and community surrounding the facility. Ice hockey and skating may not be as popular in California as it is on the East Coast, but don't take away the opportunity for kids in our community to experience the sport.
Mary-Lou Smulders	Half moon bay, CA	2013-07-27	It's my daughter's only sport and now it's gone. We live in half moon bay so it's too difficult/far/expensive to get to redwood city rink. Now she sits in her room all day this summer. So sad!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Elizabeth Baumel	Folsom, CA	2013-09-11	I just moved to San Mateo and I am an East Coast native, so ice skating is important to me. The Belmont Iceland rink is nice, but it's small and they have very limited public skating hours (i.e. only during the day when I'm at work). There's so much redundancy in the Bridgepointe strip mall anyway, they don't need anymore big box stores and chain restaurants. I think this is the point at which the local government should put their foot down for the good of the community, and failing that, I hope SPI Holdings reads this and realizes that they are ruining everyone's nice time. I can tell you right now that if an ice rink doesn't reopen in that spot, I don't care what's there, I will not be going to it.
Andrey Lyzlov	Millbrae, CA	2013-09-25	I started playing hockey last year and an amateur hockey league. And I was hoping this will be a good example for my 3 year old son and he actually almost started skating but... the rink got closed...
Bettina Wink	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2013-09-28	Ice rinks across the world appear to be struggling. In the UK we are also fighting to keep a small rink open. My thoughts go out to all skaters, regular or not, keep fighting or you will lose a wonderful sporting facility. https://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/dacorum-borough-council-save-our-rink#
Anthony Cogal	Fremont, CA	2013-11-12	I want to see the sport of hockey continuing to grow
Nicholas Leone	san francisco, CA	2013-11-22	this is a vital service to kids. there is not enough hockey infrastructure to support our hockey.
Tristan Becker	Oakland, CA	2013-11-22	Hockey is a great sport for kids, and the ice rink is important for the kids in the San Mateo area.
Judith Bush	mountain view, CA	2013-12-23	I work just a few blocks away and believe that the rink is an asset to the area.
James Michalko	Palo Alto, CA	2013-12-23	I care about the rink because I work across the street from Bridgepointe and the rink has served my nephews well for many years.
R Haughn	Burlingame, CA	2014-01-03	Important to provide places within our community that many can benefit from. This rink provides indoor recreation and also serves all ages. We don't need more opportunities to shop we need more environments where we can develop community, shopping does not provide that. I think Bridgepointe with the rink was a perfect balance. I often chose going there over Hillsdale for this very reason.
Steve Weinberg	Los Angeles, CA	2014-01-19	Ice rinks are closing down at an alarming rate. The demand is there and should be subsidized by local government much the way a park is.
Tracy Silverman	los angeles, CA	2014-01-19	Our home rink in Culver City is scheduled to close it's doors in two weeks to make way for a rock climbing facility. This iconic rink has been a symbol for Culver City for over 50 years, and home to the dreams of hundreds of up and coming skaters. It is our second home, just like the San Mateo rink is to their skaters. Please think of your residents and athletes and SAVE THIS RINK!!
Alexandria Silverman	Los Angeles, CA	2014-01-19	I know exactly what you are going through. My rink in Culver City is closing down in 2 weeks. I am heartbroken. I hope your elected officials can do more for you than ours did for us. Good luck and SAVE SAN MATEO'S RINK!!
angela guerra	culver city, CA	2014-01-19	save our local rinks!
Susan Rosales	Los Angeles, CA	2014-01-19	Our local rink is closing in spite of all of our efforts. I know how important a rink is to its skaters and in general, to its local community.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Yoni Coen		2014-01-20	I learned how to play hockey at this rink and I come here all the time alone and with my friends. So many people have history here and this rink has such a rich history that it should be a historical landmark. This rink simply cannot close, because if it does, there won't be a rink in the middle of LA in a convenient location anymore
Kara Frans	Culver City, CA	2014-01-20	We are having our own battle with the impending closure of our ice rink in Culver City.
Gina Testa	Torrance, CA	2014-01-20	Every skater should have a place to call home; a place where dreams do come true!
Chris Brunt	Topanga, CA	2014-02-18	I'm an active skater
Randy Lee	Foster City, CA	2014-02-19	Our family of six skates there. It is somewhere local for the kids to go.
Erik Long	Foster City, CA	2014-02-21	This is the closest rink to my house and I am an avid hockey fan!!
Simon Laub	Santa Barbara, CA	2014-02-21	I just moved to the area and want to join a league. this is the closest rink to my office.
Joe Long III	San Luis Obispo, CA	2014-02-21	My son just moved up there to work and to play ice hockey.
Brian Kinkel	Culver City, CA	2014-03-24	Greedy is taking over the needs of the community.
Erin Poore	Half Moon Bay, CA	2014-03-24	My son plays for the CA cougars hockey team and for the past year we have had to drive to Cupertino three times a week from Half Moon Bay, since the San Mateo rink has closed. It is a burden and costly to have yo drive so far for ice time. We really hope the rink at Bridgepointe will re-open! There is a great need for ice on the peninsula! I think that new bathrooms and turf are an insult to the community as a way to compensate the loss of the rink. Those things don't provide any form of exercise or entertainment for our youth and families and are not a worthy replacement!!!
Cynthia Teele	Los Angeles, CA	2014-03-24	We lost our ice rink in Culver City 2 months ago. What a terrible loss to the Los Angeles community. Don't let this happen in San Mateo! Skating enriches the lives of children and families!!
Donald Ramsey	Half Moon Bay, CA	2014-03-24	I am an avid Ice Dancer and the loss of the San Mateo rink further reduces the already scarce set of rinks in our area to practice and teach up-and-coming skaters
Jon Martinez	San Carlos, CA	2014-03-24	I had been skating at the San Mateo rink for well over the last 10-12 yrs. Most of my best friends have all been made from different teams I've played on. I also have watched kids I've coached grow up to be great players. This need to reopen.
Suzy Bauter	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-24	This is the only regulation-sized rink in a large geographical area that provides both youth and adults opportunities for sportsmanship, learning and confidence building. The community that has been built around that rink has consequently dissolved since and has forced parents to drive long hours for their kids to continue the investment they have in hockey. Additionally, my husband plays in the adult league (which is pushed to off-hours to maintain kids' activities); he drives an hour each way for hockey games that don't start until 10:45pm on Sundays. It seems ridiculous to me that the mall management/ownership cannot maintain their agreement to keep the rink as they did years ago when they rebuilt the shopping center.
Lyudmila Vasa	An mateo, CA	2014-03-24	the rink is an important part of our community and I think it should be there for years to come for our children!
Christina Ogburn-Chow	Foster City, CA	2014-03-24	Kids need community, adults don't need more retail. Please don't take the ice rink away.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Lisa Pohmajevich	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-24	It is a novel and atypical event and activity location particular to the mid peninsula for all ages and many ice activities. As the bay area is not a winter climate having the ice rink opens up winter activities otherwise inaccessible to bay area residents. And why oh why do we need one more retail anything here?
Maria Healy	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-24	It's the only rink around and I love ice skating.
Donna Mandel	San Francisco, CA	2014-03-24	It's the best rink on the Peninsula.
michael zimmerman	san mateo, CA	2014-03-24	There are so few ice rinks left . . .
Lynn Bauter	Gig Harbor, WA	2014-03-25	I am from Originally from the Bay Area, grew up in San Mateo and skated 100's of times at the rink when it was Fashion Island. PLEASE don't take the rink away- leave this old-fashioned recreational activity in Bridgeport and don't take it away like they took away drive-in theaters!!!
Bonny Lai	Pleasanton, CA	2014-03-25	Rinks are rare to be had here in California. To watch athletes in Olympics and NHL is inspiring for young children. Taking away a rink that is amongst one of the finest in the bay area, and widely popular damages the community more than benefit. Imagine, building a lot more residential units or shopping centres (for which, there is no shortage of in the peninsula), does little to strengthen the local community. Growing kids need outlets to spend their time and energy in. Would it be better to have one less outlet for them to enjoy/develop their skills - or have them out on the streets learning to vandalize and steal?
Nina Rasor	San Carlos, CA	2014-03-25	it is a great place for kids to exercise, have good clean fun. We keep closing down places for kids, with nothing to do they start doing the wrong things.
Eleni Hulman	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	I grew up with this ice rink with Fashion Island. With so many of our activities for our kids being stripped away one after another, let's try to keep one to keep them off the damned iPods, video games and get them ACTIVE.
Patricia Conway	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	This is important to me because San Mateo offers few places for young people to engage in healthy recreation. Let's vote for the kids!
Wendy Burbrink	redwood city, CA	2014-03-25	There are so few hockey rinks in the area losing one will greatly effect all those desiring to learn a fun sport. A park restroom and artificial turf at existing area is not increasing the opportunities for sport activities; so this should not be seen as an acceptable replacement. Another chain store is the last thing the peninsula needs.
Isabelle Bushman	Foster City, CA	2014-03-25	This ice rink has history in the San Mateo/Foster City area. It provides great indoor entertainment, exercise and much more for adults and children alike. We don't need more retail. Ace our rink!!!
Boris Kagarlitskiy	San Bruno, CA	2014-03-25	Because this rink let kids to be healthy, enjoy skating, keeps them out of street & trouble and be social. Kids are our future and we all need to understand that! Thanks!
Alice Markham	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	Outlet for physical exercise
teresa kelly	san mateo, CA	2014-03-25	My kids grew up skating at this Rink --now I want my grand children to have the same healthy hobby

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Sandy Sammon	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	I was born and raised in San Mateo. This Ice Rink was a very big part of my growing up and staying out of trouble, because as pre teens/ teenagers we had somewhere to go that was fun and supervised...same with my kids.. You take away this Ice Rink, you take away another piece of San Mateo/Belmont that is already over crowded with homes apartments,and condos...
Pat Johnson	San Ramon, CA	2014-03-25	I COACH HOCKEY and have skated at this rink many many times
Cynthia Lemus	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	Kids enjoy ice skating here.
deborah scott	foster city, CA	2014-03-25	I believe the Master Plan should be upheld
greg veis	San Francisco, CA	2014-03-25	My grandson playing Hockey in San Mateo
Brandie Muller	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	My daughters love having their birthday parties there and wanted to sign up for ice skating lessons but the rink closed...such a great positive place to take kids!!
Judy Bentson	Belmont, CA	2014-03-25	Please keep the rink so that families from surrounding areas may continue to enjoy, skate, exercise and bond with others. Think of the Charles Schulz Ice rink in Santa Rosa. And he has the added addition with the Warm Puppy Restaurant and gift shop. Adding more to the rink would be great to the rink, but not take away.
C Hutt	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	I grew up skating at the ice rink and loved it. We now have to drive down to Belmont's Iceland, we miss our rink!!
Michael Schmitz	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-25	It is important that our children have productive things to do, talents to hone, and places to learn social behavior. This is a safe hang out spot for kids, and we have too few like it. The cost of not having such spaces is ultimately a detriment to society.
Kathryn Garner	Novato, CA	2014-03-25	The San Mateo ice rink is the best ice rink from the North Bay to the East Bay and one of the only ice rink that offers both figure skating and hockey classes, year round, for all ages (including adults) and for all levels of experience. There is no other rink like it anywhere else around and it needs to be preserved and protected to keep figure skating and hockey alive in Northern California.
Libby DeBattista	belmont, CA	2014-03-26	An ice rink is a community center where families and individuals meet and come together to enjoy recreation, interaction and one another. Why would we knowingly allow a community-building center to be pushed out to increase profit for one corporation? Crazy.
Cheryl Shlicoff	Belmont, CA	2014-03-26	need a place to have kids and adults ice skate and practice to be a future olympian.
paige scott	san francisco, CA	2014-03-26	this rink is and has been a vital part of the bay area, the citizens of san mateo count need this facility. Shame on the owner and the city counsel if you let this place go.
Jeff Gilbert	San Mateo, CA	2014-03-26	Don't let greed be the reason to allow a charter rule to go away! Do the right thing!
Sara Elliott	Escondido, CA	2014-03-26	Use to skate there and don't want to see this rink go away.
Ryan Hammer	Foster City, CA	2014-03-26	I grew up playing there!
Kenny Sueksdorf	Danville, CA	2014-03-26	There are not enough ice skating rinks. We travel 1 hour or more to go to practice at 10 pm on Friday nights because it's the only time ice is available. All games are 1.5 to 2hrs away. the bay area needs more ice!
Zdenka Haskova	Burlingame, CA	2014-03-26	We have to provide opportunity for kids to learn how to skate in the community centers in the neighborhoods close to school in a reasonable driving distance. How else will we raise great skaters and hockey players to ensure that US remains competitive? Canada should not always win the Gold!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Iain Clark	SAn Jose, CA	2014-03-26	I would prefer to live in a society where our politicians and civic leaders set an example for the rest by honoring their commitments and ensuring that others do so as well. People doing business with local government should not be allowed to renege on their commitments for the sake of profits either. If they made a commitment in order to derive a benefit then they must honor their commitment as well. It is the obligation of elected officials to look out for the best interests of all their constituents and not pander to the profit motives of a few.
Sabina Pfister	SF, CA	2014-03-27	My daughter is a figure skater. There are not enough ice rinks in the Bay Area.
Maureen Buchner	Foster City, CA	2014-03-27	My kids were able to learn to skate there. With the need for physical activity for our youth, it is needed in our community.
marina kremnitser	san mateo, CA	2014-03-27	my grandson was attending hockey cougar team in san mateo ice rink and also 5 of his friends from san mateo.It was an outstanding ice rink a few olimpic champions came from this place. now we have to drive to cupertino ice rink which is a very long drive and it's not convenient. We are asking you to reopen san mateo ice rink it's very beneficial for our kids future. We don't need another shopping mall there are plenty around.Please do not take away our ice rink.
Jennifer Seybold	Marion, IN	2014-03-28	It is a destination for families traveling from out of town. It also serves a source of recreation for children and families in the area, providing Learn to Skate classes for all ages. It is also utilized by school groups, churches, boy scouts, girl scouts, and children with special needs. It provides seasonal Ice productions for public events, including the Grand Opening of the Yerba Buena out door Ice Rink in downtown SF. It s has a competitive environment for young athletes and a stellar hockey and figure skating program. The Ice Rinks is located in one of the most beautiful cities in the world and should remain as destination for local groups, churches, families, as well as destination for visitors traveling from all over the world.
Sandra Vickers	Redwood City, CA	2014-03-28	The general plan for the development of san mateo was meant to include places where children can engage in healthy activities. The rink provides one of the few places available for kids to have fun and engage with one another outside of their own home and schools. Not everyone will make the team at school. There is no need for more retail at Bridgepointe. We have Hillsdale, Tanforan, Stanford, not to mention all the other places to shop - including on line-is enough. Developers hav a duty to give back to the community and not just take in profits.
Amy Weiss	Redwood City, CA	2014-03-28	We have skated there and have many friends who play soccer. This is a very important community resource!
Andy Hurst	Gresham, OR	2014-03-30	My nephew resides in Redwood City and the ice rink is important to him
Karen Brunke	Belmont, CA	2014-04-03	The Ice Center has been there for many years (back when it was Fashion Island Shopping Center). Please keep this option available for our youngsters!
Burt Artzt	wWest Palm Beach, FL	2014-04-06	The children should have a place to go instead of the streets
Torbjorn Kanestrom	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-06	My son's passion is ice hockey, and because of hockey he has excelled at school and developed very important life skills.
Sue Nikaido	Belmont, CA	2014-04-06	Ice skating builds balance, is fun and great exercise for all!
Kjetil Haugen	Molde, Norway	2014-04-06	Sport for kids is more important than most politicians seems to understand.A more profitable investment is hard to find.
Fran Gonek	Belmont, CA	2014-04-06	My kids spent many hours at the rink. It's an important community add.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Nicole Wright	Belmont, CA	2014-04-07	Please don't get of another venue of exercise for a shopping mall. Kids hardly get enough exercise as it is.
Debra Schwab	Belmont, CA	2014-04-07	We do not have enough recreational space and things for kids to do.
Andrea DeGraff	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-07	So important to build kids' characters and fun for all.
Michele Daly	Belmont, CA	2014-04-07	Our kids need a place to gather together that inspires cooperation and healthy activities.
Carol Garvey	Belmont, CA	2014-04-07	Keep the investment for the current and future kids (big and small). And, really, do we really need another retail shop/center? I won't shop there if one is built.
Kristin Mercer	Belmont, CA	2014-04-07	Sport fields cannot replace the FAMILY recreation and personal skill building of the skating rink.
Mark Klein	Menlo Park, CA	2014-04-08	It helps children
Sandra Adams	Belmont, CA	2014-04-08	It is very important that the community continue to have the opportunity for these sports activities.
J Hitchcock	san mateo, CA	2014-04-09	Our son and many others played hockey at that rink. We need a healthy outlet for our kids and families. I was hoping greed would not win....
Carol Cui	Daly City, CA	2014-04-09	It is important because it gives the community a chance to bond and get to know one another. It also creates a recreational activity for the children to keep them off the streets and an opportunity for them to develop their interest in ice skating.
Polly Burns	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-10	My Children and My Grandchildren have had many enjoyable hours at the skating Rink and i think it is worth keeping open for the Childern as well as their parents.
Kerry McArdle	Belmont, CA	2014-04-10	They agreed to keep the ice rink so they should!
Elsa Gontrum	Atherton, CA	2014-04-10	We believe that facilities like this one are invaluable to families with children and teens and there are so few in the Bay Area.
Lisa Bock	Belmont, CA	2014-04-10	I have recently started skating with my daughter at the Belmont Iceland and it is great family time. The rink is way overcrowded and an older facility. I can not see how another retail store could be more important than a very unique venue which brings families and friends together in an ACTIVE environment, especially in our generation where there are more electronic games than we can say no to. Please don't give in to making more money and preserve this rink for our generations to come.
Soleil Tamturk	Hillsborough, CA	2014-04-10	Our community needs this ice rink. It's beneficial to our youth and their families. Please don't take it away from us.
Christa Quarles	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-10	My two sons play hockey and love to skate. It's important to the community.
Dave Aiello	Newtown, PA	2014-04-10	I am a hockey player and official with 35 years of experience in the game. I am the founder of RinkAtlas.com, a website dedicated to documenting all of the indoor ice facilities in North America. San Mateo needs an ice rink. There is more than enough business to justify continued operation of the San Mateo Ice Center.
summer Haslam	chicken land, Italy	2014-04-10	I ice skate and miss going there.
mirielle Haslam	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-10	I took lesson and skated there and miss going there.
Lisa Cross	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-10	Recreational ice is so rare. Our athlete must travel miles often in the middle of the night for ice time. Please save this last rink in San Mateo!
Jeffrey Meinhold	Foster City, CA	2014-04-11	What message are we giving our kids if we replace a rink (activity) with a retail store (consumerism)? Our ice rink being replaced by a retail store will be a sad reflection of the priorities of our community.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Stephanie Chen	Redwood City, CA	2014-04-11	My kids LOVE skating and we skate at Ice Oasis in Redwood City regularly but it is very crowded there and it would be good to have other options on the Peninsula.
Belmont-Redwood Shores Faculty Association	CA	2014-04-12	The ice rink is a community treasure for our youth. I am an educator, and many of our students in Belmont-Redwood Shores adore this ice rink. We have students who are passionate about figure skating, ice hockey, and simply skating for fun. They come into our classrooms and tell us about summer camps and games and parties. It is their go-to place. Thank you for keeping their ice rink.
tataria shiff	san francisco, CA	2014-04-13	my children love ice skating
Julianna Chow	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-13	Because the San Mateo closed, we were forced to go train at the Belmont rink which is small & very crowd. We miss our rink!!!! Please bring it back!
Randy Atherton	San Carlos, CA	2014-04-13	My son plays Jr. hockey there...
Jesse Clark	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-14	San Mateo has enough shopping centers! Please don't demolish a community's recreation center building for MORE retail stores!
Peter Landes	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-14	Need places for kids to have fun and recreation.
Katie Intrieri	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-14	The rink is a wonderful community hub - it would be such a shame to lose it.
William Wasson	Daly City, CA	2014-04-15	In my day, they tore down the world famous Fox theater in SF and Playland at the Beach and made a parking lot out of the world famous Fleishhacker swimming pool, the largest outdoor pool in the world. When is this madness going to stop. Give the people what they need for a change, instead of what you want.
James Woolway	Redwood City, CA	2014-04-15	Special needs kids need activities that are akin to those without special needs such as ice skating
Ben Smith	San Jose, CA	2014-04-16	Leave it there! You took bay meadows and fashion island...leave the rink alone.
Annie Rosendale	Palo Alto, CA	2014-04-16	Ice Skating is fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Heather Porter	San Jose, CA	2014-04-17	My children play hockey. They love having a rink to celebrate their birthdays at, and the Bay Area needs more opportunities for families to come together through fun, healthy activities - not less.
Tony Sanchez	San Jose, CA	2014-04-17	Ice time is so hard to come by at rinks I play at, closing another bay area ice rink will make it even harder!
William Mitchell	San Bruno, CA	2014-04-17	I play hockey and would like a good close option for skating.
Guiselle Perez	Fremont, CA	2014-04-17	This is a place where children & adults of all ages can enjoy time with friends and family and a place for all to get some physical exercise rather than sitting in front of a television or hand held phone ignoring those around us. Additionally, it is a place for all to enjoy ice skating in some form, in a state that doesn't necessarily provide the weather to enjoy such an activity on a regular basis.
Kit Morse	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-17	Losing the ice rink is devastating to the community!
Patricia Gray	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-18	We need places for our kids to have a good time. We do not need more commercial areas. TAKE a ride down El Camino Real and see the empty stores. We are in a Depression and need to preserve something for our children.
Gloria Ford	san mateo, CA	2014-04-18	for my child to be able to have somewhere to ice skate
Diane Barton	Sunnyvale, CA	2014-04-19	There are not many ice rinks around and this part of the peninsula needs a rink.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Ann Edwards	Foster City, CA	2014-04-19	There are no regulation size ice rinks in the local area. Children and adults enjoy not only playing ice hockey but also recreational skating. There should be a rink in the San Mateo area that allows for this.
Sue Hans	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-19	This is a disaster if they take away the ice rink from the kids. I am a long-time San Mateo resident and this area was designated especially for the ice rink, and not for retail. Please make sure we do not lose this important facility for our kids and grandchildren. Keep this rink open and available for everyone!
Deborah Daniloff	Mill Valley, CA	2014-04-22	My daughter is a skater. She and her synchronized skating team have competed at this rink. There are fewer and fewer areas for people who enjoy skating and compete to actually skate in Northern California. The ice rinks are an endangered species despite growing demands for this sport. Please save the rink.
Melanie Bebbington	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-22	We want to nurture physical activity, not retail therapy
David Martin	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-22	It is so important that our community is rich with activities, excursions and events, not JUST shopping. Our priorities in life can't not ALWAYS be determined by what brings in the most revenue. The quality of life and contribution to society are important.
David Issel	Foster City, CA	2014-04-22	I skated and played hockey for years, and know the benefits that this activity brings to many. I also do not believe the city council should allow the developers to void the original agreement just so they can make more money. Keeping the ice rink was an integral part of the original development deal, and allowing the developer to get away with a one-time, poor trade-off should not be allowed. I urge the city council to deny the zoning change, and force the developer to stick with the original commitment.
barbera kohne	Foster City, CA	2014-04-22	My children love to ice skate and we live in Foster City. Also, the developer is breaking his promise to the community. The parcel was designated for a rink.
Bryan Hollis	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-22	I use to use the rink to play hockey almost weekly as did my 3 kids
Rob Nash	Half Moon Bay, CA	2014-04-22	An ice rink in the area is essential for me and my family. I am Canadian. Its in my blood.
Michele King	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-23	We need more recreational opportunities in the community, not less. The ice rink is unique and brings families from all over the area to skate. We don't need more retail
Claire Mulkerrin	Belmateo, CA	2014-04-23	I'm a figure skater who wants our rink back.
Kay Reppas	Hillsborough, CA	2014-04-23	The ice rink was a great recreational facility. It is missed!
Lordson Yue	Los Altos, CA	2014-04-23	I love skating there all the time, great place for kids in the Peninsula
denise brossard	San Francisco, CA	2014-04-23	Without the rink, we and our kids will no longer be able to play hockey, figure skate, attend public skate sessions, hold birthday parties, participate in laser skate nights, play broomball, attend summer camp on the ice and learn how to ice skate.. This is a great ice rink for the young and old to be exposed to all forms of ice skating. Please do not demolish this ice rink. Sincerely
Jonathan Anstett	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-23	This is important to me in the same way that having community baseball park and Little League teams are important. Its a place for kids to learn valuable life lessons and develop friendships. Skating and hockey are very unique in their mix of athleticism and artistry and just the feeling of free motion. It really can't be substituted by other recreational pursuits.
Calvin Ram	Foster City, CA	2014-04-23	I grew up skating at this rink and want to continue playing hockey here.
Peter Coe	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-24	We need diversity of sporting options - not more shops

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Karen Piry	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-24	<p>My kids grew up with the rink having birthday and team parties there. It is important that kids have a place to go, to do SOMETHING instead of just "hanging out".</p> <p>The City of San Mateo CONTINUOUSLY gives in to developers on these issues (witness "open space" and the entire Bay Meadows development). It would be a pleasant change for the city council and planning commission to truly stand their ground and stand up for something that benefits the citizens rather than the developers.</p>
Erik Rothbaum	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-24	<p>My daughter has been skating here since she was 3. Most of the coaches and teachers have done the same, and it has become an extension of our family and part of our routine, week in and out. The closure of the rink has left a hole and made it difficult if not impossible to keep in touch with many of the families that were regular participants in her youth activities.</p>
Jason Weesner	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-24	<p>The needs of the community should come before the needs of retailers.</p>
Melissa Spaizman	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-24	<p>Stop taking away family activities!</p>
Patricia Strachan	Hillsborough, CA	2014-04-24	<p>my son played ice hockey there growing up and I'd like other children to have that opportunity</p>
Molly Reidy	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-24	<p>Our children should be the county and city's first priority. Show it by not closing this Ice Rink. We do not need another super store inside our city limits. And why not focus on finishing the open projects you already have going - KMart, Borders, 25th Avenue. All retail spaces that need homes and improvements.</p>
Vivian Gordon	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-24	<p>I think it is important to have a skating rink for the public.</p>
Kevin Bodner	Belmont, CA	2014-04-24	<p>The benefit to the community in retaining this public recreational resource far outweighs any incremental increases in revenue to the land owner and to the city of San Mateo (in taxes). When an ice rink is converted into a theater for an ice skating show, it represents thousands of hours of volunteer time -- families coming together to make the costumes, props, and podiums, help with the lighting, etc. This creates a strong sense of community; where people work together to achieve a common goal. This is what we need more of in the world, not more retail stores that employ a few minimum wage workers and people throw down their credit cards to buy imported goods from China.</p> <p>San Mateo sales tax revenue should be far greater than it ever has given the transformation of Fashion Island to Bridgepoint and all of the development at Bay Meadows.</p>
john c	san mateo, CA	2014-04-25	<p>I am a intermediate adult Male Figure skater, resident of San Carlos. For 3 years prior to closing, frequently skated at this venue. I have taken many adult lessons and made many friends at Foster City Ice Chalet. As this rink is one size smaller to an Olympic size facility, it is the only rink on the peninsula where I have room to free style and do large jumps. I now have to travel to San Jose sharks rink to skate. My practice sessions have severely decreased. This sport to me is an inspiration, gives me confidence, is great exercise & furthermore my passion. I remember in 2013, May, the last night before the rink closed, I skated. Before I left I did my final slow laps. Remembering all the peace and good memories it brought me. I shed some happy tears, said my final goodbye and parted with a piece of myself...</p>

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Karl Flick	Redwood city, CA	2014-04-25	Our son plays hockey in Redwood City, Not only do we play against the San Mateo team at their rink frequently (and shop at Starbucks, BJ's, Sports Authority, Staples, and Target while we're there -- which we would not go there for if not for hockey) But also, the reduction in hockey teams in the area make it harder for the other nearby young hockey players to place on a team with the extra competition. Resources are maxed and the removal of this location has really impacted everyone negatively.
Chris May	Redwood City, CA	2014-04-25	My friends son lives for hockey
Yeturu Aahlad	Foster City, CA	2014-04-25	My daughter is an avid skater, and she loves this rink. There is no convenient alternative.
Thomas Weissmiller	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-25	Skating is a fun invigorating activity and should be available in our community.
Kurt Van Etten	Belmont, CA	2014-04-25	This is directly impacting our children. There is a tremendous shortage of ice in the Bay Area. The cougars and other programs are having to field fewer teams and turn away kids. SPI knew the rink was in place at time of purchase. It was part of the price. They should not be allowed an arbitrage opportunity at the expense of our children.
Cindy Freshour	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-25	It is a recreational place for families, something other than a soccer field.
Linda A;en	redwood city, CA	2014-04-25	We need this ice rink for our area. Don't take away our recreation.
Maureen Rafferty	Foster City, CA	2014-04-25	I'm a school nurse and kids need to build relationships with this positive place to learn new skills.
Denise Donnelly	Hillsborough, CA	2014-04-25	I grew up on an ice skating rink in New England. Amazing activity for kids!
Stacy Ryan	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-25	As a San Mateo resident, I think there are enough retail spaces but not enough places for our kids to participate in recreational activities.
Chris Chong	Burlingame, CA	2014-04-25	Well, SM was the only rink between Belmont and SF, which seems ridiculous, given the demand. I have to drive to SJ to play decent hockey now. I agree with the sentiment of - we don't need any more shopping stores!
anders ericson	sunnyvale, CA	2014-04-25	Hockey is a great game to strengthen families and the community - and it is fun!
Graham Pickles	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-25	Please keep this valuable resource for our community. It is needed for kids and adult recreation, and for the families.
Evelyn Klein	Redwood City, CA	2014-04-26	Activities for young and old.
Ray Rawcliffe	San Carlos, CA	2014-04-26	It is important to us because we played ice hockey there. The Cougars are well respected across the west coast and in Canada. Without the rink, we have no reason to go to Bridgepointe.
Shannon Estes	Belmont, CA	2014-04-26	There are limited things for kids to do that involve exercise. This is a fun and safe place for them to go.
Charles Danforth	Louisville, CO	2014-04-28	I &t;3 hockey
Jane Jensen	San Mateo, CA	2014-04-29	Kids need places to play more than we need more shopping
Olya Derby	Foster City, CA	2014-05-12	This is a great rink which creates a better community.
Yi Wong	Foster City, CA	2014-05-12	It's a good activity outlet for kids and family.
Peter Derby	Dobbs Ferry, NY	2014-05-12	My brother and his family live in San Mateo and love the rink. He and I and my younger brother grew up playing hockey and believe ice skating as a wonderful fabric of any great community. And keeping ones promise is vital as well. The developer rights received for this amenity needs to be respected!