From: Anne Goulding
To: Parks and Recreation Mailbox
Subject: Central Park
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 1:19:20 PM

What is wrong with Central Park? Wny do we need to spend thousands of dollars on an upgrade??? I think it is a lovely spot as it is. The rose garden, Japaense garden and the beautiful oak trees. Maybe a few more picnic benches & small upgrade to the children's area and baseball area.
It seems to me the downtown is always trying to figure out ways of spending money. The empty lots at El Camino need something--maybe even more parking. It is not fun to go down town to shop or dine.--
Anne Goulding

Julia Klein

From: Cynthia Newton <cnewton@acswasc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Abby Veeser
Subject: RE: Central Park Master Plan Question

Thank you Abby, I will fill out the questionnaire.

I play a lot of tennis: I have played on USTA leagues out of both Central Park and Beresford Park and have taken classes at Central Park as well. I want to make sure that we don't leave our tennis players without a place to play! As long as this project would be concurrent with the rebuilding of Central Park, I think it would be great. Are you planning to add additional courts or just relocate the 6 courts? I think Bay Meadows would be a great option. Bayside is ok too but quite honestly the smell from the sewage treatment plant would make it less than ideal. We already have the courts at Beresford and I think additional courts are needed and it would be good to have courts in a few locations throughout the city. I must say that Central Park is a great place to go, I love playing tennis and then going downtown for some lunch or dinner!

Foster City has so many public courts, I also play on leagues there, it would be nice for a city of our size to have a equally respectable number of public courts! Foster City as well as San Carlos and other cities in the area also have very active tennis clubs which offer reduced membership to city residents and are great for the tennis playing community! I currently belong to both the Foster City and the San Carlos tennis clubs. I would love to see something similar in San Mateo and could even work with you to make this happen! I know many tennis players on the Peninsula, many of whom are San Mateo residents, who would love to see this happen!

Thanks!
Cynthia

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-----Original Message-----
From: Abby Veeser [mailto:aveeser@cityofsanmateo.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:16 AM
To: Cynthia Newton
Subject: Central Park Master Plan Question

To Cynthia Newton:
Thank you for your question on the Central Park Master Plan update. The three designs on the website are the current proposed alternatives. As you noticed, there are no proposed tennis courts in any of the deigns. The City has not decided yet where the tennis courts would be relocated, but we did identify a few options. There is a survey on San Mateo Town Hall (www.sanmateotownhall.org) to gather feedback on the design options and one of the questions asks participants where they would like to see the tennis courts. Some options include: Bay Meadows Park, Beresford Park and Bayside Joinville park. We are still in the information gathering phase and want feedback on folks about where they would like to see the tennis courts. I hope this answers your question. Thank you. -Abby Veeser

S. Abby Veeser
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-----Original Message-----
From: noreply@civicplus.com [mailto:noreply@civicplus.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:10 AM
To: Parks and Recreation Mailbox
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Customer Service Feedback Form

The following form was submitted via your website: Customer Service Feedback Form

My feedback is related to:: Other

First Name:: Cynthia

Last Name:: Newton

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City:: San Mateo

State:: CA

Zip:: 94401

Work Phone:: 650-548-4387

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Comments:: In your proposed redesign of Central Park there are no tennis courts and I saw that they would be moved to another park. I would like to know the details of this.

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Julia Klein

From: Alexandria Lane
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Abby Veeser
Subject: FW: Keep the Central Park Tennis Courts

Hi Abby,

Forwarding this to you from the public inbox.

Best,

Alex Lane
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From: CHRISTINE Y Stiles [mailto:cpstiles@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2015 8:29 PM
To: Maureen Freschet; John "Jack" Matthews; David Lim; Joe Goethals; Rick Bonilla; Parks and Recreation Mailbox
Cc: City Mgr
Subject: Keep the Central Park Tennis Courts

Dear City Council and Parks & Rec Dept. -

Please say it isn't so.

Like me, others could not attend the Park and Rec meetings re: Central Park. Like you, we are all busy and have to prioritize where we spend our time, cannot be everywhere unfortunately. For many of us, never in our wildest imagination would we guess you could propose taking the tennis courts out of Central Park *(hoping this is not true).* I just became aware of a petition that someone started online to save the tennis courts at Central Park. You can find it at:

https://www.change.org/p/san-mateo-city-council-keep-our-tennis-courts-in-san-mateo-central-park

In just the past two days I see that well over 100 people have signed the online petition (as I write, 167 supporters so far). I hope you will review the petition closely, and read each comment (not everyone commented, but many did). I recognize many of the names as active parents who volunteer and support our San Mateo community through organizations such as our San Mateo Schools, Churches, Little League, AYSO etc. and from many different neighborhoods within our City.

The tennis courts in Central Park are so readily accessible to all and are well utilized. Why not use the money you propose spending to remove the courts to instead help fund one or more of the following:

*** improve/better maintain the existing tennis courts in our City, including Central Park tennis courts

*** fix the streets (I have heard rumors of a possible bond issue for this work, more tax for all of us, yet we have money to remove popular tennis courts at great expense?)

*** use the money to help alleviate flood insurance issues in San Mateo neighborhoods a huge burden for a number of our residents (I am sure this will not fix the issue, but as a Finance person I know every little bit counts, or should count if we carefully mange our money)

*** pay down excess pension liabilities (as other cities are doing....let's put a big dent in this liability that is hanging over the City)

*** donate to the Police Activities League (a great cause, need to do more for the kids in our City and this organization does wonderful work).

IF the money is from Developers to bypass height, density and parking regulations in our City, tell them no thank you - give up our tennis courts for more congestion in our City? Bad deal.

I cut and pasted below just a sample of some of the comments I see attached to the online petition. *Each bullet point is from a different individual....and there were more (visit the petition link and you will find names associated with each comment).*

The courts at Central Park are a valuable asset in our San Mateo community. The residents of our City, especially children, need MORE healthy options for exercise and play. The downtown courts are well lit for night time play and located so that families can walk to the courts from numerous neighborhoods in our City....and before and/or after play they can enjoy healthy refreshments/meals downtown.

Christine Stiles. View more

From the petition, so many comments from the community, and there are more.....:

- the courts are a great community resource for those who don't belong to a tennis club. if they are underused, then let's gel up some community gatherings to combine fun, friendship and fitness.

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  I feel the tennis courts available in San Mateo are @ a premium and with such an active tennis community, we can't afford to lose any courts. (especially the lighted ones @ Central Park!)

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  - We need available Tennis courts for exercise

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  I play there all the time don't want it gone

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  - Played there growing up

  We take lessons and play tennis at the park. The courts here are such an important part of the park.

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  - I play tennis at these courts often. Ive taught my kids to play tennis here. There dare always people of all ages (even some elderly needing help walking) playing here. Its a diverse tennis community all ages and nationalities that use these. vital to our community in so many ways!

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  - Leave the tennis courts alone! They're not bothering anybody! What are you going to put in there?!?!? Another 7-11?!?!?

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  The tennis courts in San Mateo are a great amenity for our community. People can play tennis without having to belonging to a country club.

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- These tennis courts are a vibrant hub of health-promoting activity and a definite highlight of Central Park. The courts could use an upgrade, but should not be torn down. Both adults and children need more, not fewer, ways to play and stay healthy in out community. I have taken lessons at these through the Parks Dept. and have loved playing there, both day and evening. Please keep our courts!

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  - There are many tennis players here in San Mateo and too few courts. The Central Park courts have long been a haven for healthy activity and we should do all we can to not only keep the courts in downtown, but also to upgrade these facilities and continue to make it a pleasant experience for everyone in our community.

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  - the courts @ central park are convenient with adequate parking, a good number of courts and lights. Other locations do not offer this - too few courts, not enough close parking, no lights, not open to the public, used for exclusive clinics on weekends.

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  - These courts are in use continually by players of all ages. Appreciate the lights for night tennis. Conveniently located/walkable for a lot of dense housing. Why would SM want to make so many people drive to distant tennis courts??!! Keep these courts in Central Park.

- Tennis courts in Central Park are essential to the vitality of San Mateo. they are constantly in use.

Where else can our kids play tennis?

- Keep the courts, there is a lot of space and plenty of room to keep both baseball field and tennis courts

- San Mateo shouldn't take away all sporting venues away from San Mateo. Why is this even a consideration?

- public tennis courts are an absolute necessity. Not everyone can belong to a club. Tennis is a fantastic sport that needs to be encouraged at all age levels!

- The tennis courts are very popular and are a fixture in Central Park. Keep the park the way it is!

I walk through San Mateo Central Park several evenings a week. The tennis courts are well-lit and full of people. This really adds to the safety of the park.

- My family uses these tennis courts once a week and would hate to see them go. We can ride our bikes here now, but wouldn't be able to if they moved to Beresford.

- Let's keep San Mateo green with recreational offerings for its citizens.

- San Mateo should have public tennis courts available to residents
- I've been practicing on those courts for years. Its a great location for downtown with many outside visitors playing throughout the year. The recreation program has started many young children to the sport. Some have continue their passion to play at hire levels. Also, our seniors are still very active and need to continue enjoy this beautiful sport.

we don't want to lose the tennis courts!

I enjoy playing tennis at Central Park

- Tennis courts should stay!

It is a great sport and a fun location! We need tennis courts!

- Tennis is so fun!!!!

I believe Central Park needs to not just keep but IMPROVE on the tennis courts currently at the site. Tennis is widely popular across cultural/demographic lines and could easily become a source of income for the city. I am involved in various tennis leagues and have to play at either Beresford Park (also desperately in need of complete repair) or The Highlands Recreational Center. I live less than .5 miles from Central Park and feel our property values should be reflected in a top-notch public park.

- I am signing because I love the location and convenience of the Central Park tennis courts. If it wasn't for the Central Park courts I never would have taken up tennis.

- Please keep the tennis courts! They are always in use and they are a wonderful option for people to get much-needed exercise near downtown.

- I love to play tennis and the exercise is fantastic. I have met many great people playing tennis and it's a wonderful piece of downtown and Central Park. Please keep the Tennis courts, there are few better things for you then exercise!

Save the tennis courts!!!

It's where I play tennis with my son.

- In my younger days I took lessons and played at these courts. San Mateo should encourage physical fitness. These courts are more heavily used than the large area for a baseball field.

- These courts are very popular, you often can't get one on the weeknights. The Beresford courts are also popular. We NEED and love tennis in San Mateo.

My children enjoy taking tennis lessons weekly and playing tennis often at the courts at San Mateo's Central Park. Please keep tennis courts in San Mateo's Central Park!

I enjoy playing tennis over there or watching others play

- Enough with taking away recreational facilities in our community! Those courts are busy all day everyday... Keep the courts!

- I love playing tennis and I feel that it should be available to everyone.

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- As a parent in San Mateo I would like to be able to bring my son to the park to play tennis for years to come!

- Don't want the courts to go away!

- I'm signing this because people are out of touch with things! This plan is a joke! Get rid of the tennis courts and baseball field! Joke!

Julia Klein

From: Alexandria Lane
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 11:49 AM
To: Abby Veeser
Subject: FW: Central Park Tennis Courts

Importance: High

Here's another one for you.

-Alex

From: Steve Klein [mailto:steve.klein@fortisureconsulting.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Parks and Recreation Mailbox
Subject: Central Park Tennis Courts
Importance: High

Dear Sheila Canzian, Director

I AM AGAINST REMOVING THE TENNIS COURTS FROM CENTRAL PARK. The downtown area is greatly enhanced culturally and recreationally by these courts. It is an important amenity to the San Mateo area because it gives our residents a quality venue for physical recreation. It is used by lots of different types of our citizens from all ages and cultural backgrounds.

There are numerous options in San Mateo to accommodate the other proposals. I have decided to work and live in San Mateo because of the overall quality of life. Removing these courts from Central Park is a bad idea and detrimental to our youth and our families.

Respectfully,

Steve Klein
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From:	CHRISTINE Y Stiles
To:	Maureen Freschet; John "Jack" Matthews; David Lim; Joe Goethals; Rick Bonilla; Parks and Recreation Mailbox
Cc:	City Mgr
Subject:	Central Park Tennis Courts PETITION UPDATE
Date:	Wednesday, March 11, 2015 6:04:13 PM

Dear City Council and Parks & Rec Dept:

This is an update to my message of March 8. I am not sure if the individual(s) who posted the petition to Save the Central Park tennis courts plan to send you all of the comments and the online signatures.

As I noted a few days ago, the petition can be found online at:

https://www.change.org/p/san-mateo-city-council-keep-our-tennis-courts-in-san-mateo-central-park

On the evening of March 8 when I wrote to you re: the petition, there were 167 online signatures. **Just a few days later on March 11 as of approximately 5:30pm I see it says there are 300 signatures.**

Please read additional samples of comments below (you will find more comments at the above link). Each bullet point is from a different signer. At the link above, you can find names associated with each comment.

Currently the courts are in a relatively safe place for night time play, on the outside edge of the park and with lights make this very visible to the many people who visit Downtown San Mateo in the evening. **If the tennis courts were moved to the inside of the park it would not be as safe/visible to play in the evenings, a major concern. Also, the cost of moving the courts has to be significant, aren't there better uses for this money?**

Christine Stiles

Sample comments from the online petition:

Tennis builds community and promotes fitness! We already have a shortage of good tennis courts with lights in San Mateo - the courts at Beresford have huge cracks and half the lights don't work. Maintain our parks and keep tennis alive in San Mateo! It's a fantastic family and lifetime sport!

- As a tennis player and would love to see San

Mateo revitalize the courts NOT take them away

- • So many people use those courts. It is a great recreation. The city of San Mateo would be crazy to let go of those courts.

- • I love these tennis courts!!!

- • Really great parks need tennis courts. This park is large enough to
  These courts are a great San Mateo resource!

- there are so few public courts in this town!

- San Mateo has relatively few courts outside of the high schools. Court time will be very hard to come by if the courts disappear.

- I play a lot of tennis and I am a San Mateo homeowner. We need first-class tennis courts in San Mateo!

- ○ I am signing because it is very difficult to find courts in San Mateo. Having these courts downtown is a tremendous asset.have room for them. Please don't take the courts away!

I believe that tennis should be available for the general public.

- ○ Please don't let the courts disappear from the park.
- ○ The courts are an important part of the city's rec facilities and they should be refurbished, not removed.
- We need them, they are heritage courts, been there forever
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- I play at these courts regularly and they are always well used! Parents can drop off kids to lessons and walk to downtown errands; They are walkable and bikable from many neighborhoods and transit, and they are always well used. Do not remove them from Central Park!

- • Please keep the SM Central Park tennis courts where they are!
- • Can't afford to shut down SM courts, there are too few as it is.

Will help community, kids, family fitness.

- My children and I play tennis on these courts!

- I use the courts at Central Park
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I play at these courts ALL the time. Would be sad to see them go. By far the most accessible courts.

- • I love these courts.
- • my kids use the courts
- • The tennis courts are constantly in use and good for the community!

• I learned how to play tennis at Cental Park as a kid. It is a sport that people can play their whole life. Please keep the tennis courts for those who cannot afford to join tennis clubs.

- The tennis courts are used and loved by the residents of San Mateo and should remain in Central Park.
- • I use these courts, as do MANY others including children getting lessons, and exercise. The tennis courts are an invaluable part of Central Park. I find it ridiculous that taking the courts away is even being considered.

• I am employed in San Mateo and I use the Central Park tennis courts regularly after work! I have also played in USTA Leagues that held matches on these courts for many years...with over a thouand players particpating in these leagues. I see how often they are used and what a tremendous asset they are to this neighborhood.The tennis courts continue to provide an active excercise option for community members of all ages. Please consider keeping this valuable, long-time asset within Central Park for families and neighbors to enjoy!

Julia Klein

From: Tom <tom@multisource.cc>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 1:11 PM
To: Sheila Canzian; Julia Klein
Subject: Central Park Plan

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Sheila and Julia,
I have lived in San Mateo for over 40 years and in the Bay area my entire 65 years. I have frequented the park hundreds of times over the years. In fact I played baseball on Fitzgerald Field since I was 9 years old! I have studied the three proposals and have numerous questions as do all of my friends and acquaintances in San Mateo.
First and foremost: The idea of losing the baseball field is terrible. That field is used constantly by everyone from T-Ball to Adult Softball. We have plenty of 'grassy fields' already in the park. And, of course, the outfield can certainly be considered a 'grassy field' when it's not being used as a baseball field. The idea of remodeling the stands and changing the exterior is fine. The idea of removing the outfield fence is crazy and dangerous. It would allow small children to run onto the field while I game was in progress putting them in harm's way.
Also while we were promised a baseball field at Bay Meadows as of today that is simply a 'grassy field' with a portable backstop. Not what anyone would call a baseball field.
Next, The tennis court removal. Are there plans to build new courts nearby? I realize the need for additional parking as we will be losing the 'public' parking on 5th Avenue to a new high rise but it should not come at the expense of the tennis courts. Also the cost of a two story parking structure is high to say the least! If there are no other plans for tennis courts why not put them atop the new parking structure? I see no reason to have a so called 'plaza' instead.
I do like the idea of extending the train as it really is a big part of the park. I'm sure we all have memories of riding that train in our youth.
The bathrooms definitely need to be upgraded so that is a good idea.
The pavilion is not a bad idea although I think it should be located where the summer music series stage is set up.
I believe there are some good ideas in each of the three proposals so I just hope we can all come up with a combination thereof to make the park a better place for the next 25 years.
I have a large contingency planning on attending the March 25th meeting and it would be nice if we had some feedback from both of you as to our concerns beforehand.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Thomas Sanfilippo
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San Mateo
650-342-9906

From:	George Lambro
To:	Maureen Freschet; David Lim; matthews@cityofsanmateo.org; Parks and Recreation Mailbox; jcferber@rrmdesign.com
Subject:	CP management
Date:	Saturday, March 14, 2015 4:19:52 PM

San Mateo Parks is going in the wrong direction with the intentional removal of the tennis courts (which are a perpetual embarrassment in their condition) at Central Park on all 3 project proposals.
This is not in touch with the community or with any concept of growth and the future.
I've talked to about 100 players over the last 3 months, actually on the courts, playing tennis...in Winter.....and everyone of them had a stark, shocked reaction that removing the courts was even a consideration in any way, leaving everyone with the exact same question?
Who in the is making those decisions? and why are they on the Ciy's payroll?
How all 3 proposals could be drafted with the removal of the courts is a major red flag.
The fact that the courts have remained in decrepit conditions getting "patched" never actually resurfaced, tells me that least for the last 7 years, there has been a clear prejudice against Tennis from the SM management.
Its 2015...Northern California....Tennis hotbed, how can anyone recreation oriented not know that? Its the #1 recreation sport across age groups and San Mateo is the Tennis black eye of the Peninsula,

Just another confirmation of how backwards that is...Burlingame keeps kicking our rear

http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/lnews/2015-03-14/burlingame-tennis-center-nears-grand-opening-owner-looks-forward-to-sharing-enthusiasm-for-sport-with-community/1776425140009.html

and this is feat is incredible

http://www.worldtennismagazine.com/archives/9099

SM needs to do a hard 180 on tennis now.

See you on the 24th. -George

From:	CHRISTINE Y Stiles
To:	Maureen Freschet; John "Jack" Matthews; David Lim; Joe Goethals; Rick Bonilla; Parks and Recreation Mailbox
Cc:	City Mgr
Subject:	Save the tennis courts....over 500 have signed the online petition
Date:	Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:08:00 PM

Dear City Council and Park & Rec -

For the City files/record, I think it is important for you to have the update as to how many individuals "change.org" shows have signed the online petition to save the Central Park tennis courts as of Saturday, March 14 approximately 8:00pm. Also important to understand the rapid pace signatures have been added online. I did not start, nor am I maintaining this petition, but I have been observing it online.

The online petition shows 525 supporters as of 8:00pm March 14....tracking this:

March 8 evening, my email to you: 167 supporters per "change.org"

March 11 early evening: 300 supporters per "change.org"

March 14, approx. 8:00pm, 525 supporters who are pleading you KEEP THE TENNIS COURTS per "change.org"

You understand so well that it is tough supporting a household in the Bay Area, and many people must work very long hours (some multiple jobs), have long commutes that can be stressful and complicated, are juggling many work related/personal and family/friend obligations, while many also volunteer (like each of you) in different and significant ways in their community. For most or us, attending City meetings is difficult to impossible. Signing an online petition (a few paragraphs to read on one screen, and then one quick small input, done in two minutes or less) is an easy and quick form of communication with the City; kudos to those citizens who made this petition available for us to sign online.

I hope you will choose to assure the public very soon that you hear their pleas and will keep the tennis courts where they are in Central Park. Whether your plan is implemented this month, next year, or 2-3 years from now, there are so many citizens who do not want the tennis courts moved out of Central Park.

Also, based on all the input received, hoping you can take action to ensure both the Central Park and Beresford courts are maintained (need to be resurfaced and please ensure well lit at night).

Christine Stiles

SAMPLE of comments I see online at the change.org link (in addition to the comments I found online that I sent to you earlier). You can find names attached to

the comments at this link: https://www.change.org/p/san-mateo-city-council-keep-our-tennis-courts-in-san-mateo-central-park Again, each bullet point below has a different name associated to it. I suspect you too will recognize many of the names when you visit the link.

- San Mateo has precious little for our citizens to "DO". The tennis courts provide one of the few opportunities for people of all ages to participate in an activity in a centralized location. We need to keep this commodity within Central Park so that we are able to offer more than restaurants with the occasional shop thrown in. We need to consider that the loss of these tennis courts would deprive everyone of one of the few opportunities that can be enjoyed by young and old, skilled and beginner - not only separately but together. Don't force everyone away from a central location and in to their cars to enjoy something that should be right near home.

Our Central Park currently offers green open space, children's activities, picnic areas, the Japanese Tea Garden, houses the horticultural society and two opportunities of more organized sport - the baseball field and the tennis courts. The variety of these different offerings is what help to make the park so great for everyone. Losing any of these would be a detriment to the park. The argument to move the tennis courts to an undetermined alternate location is poor planning not forward thinking.

The community obviously wants to keep these tennis courts which have become important to many San Mateo residents. This is similar to our fight to keep the Ice Rink at Bridgepointe. At a time when land is scarce, the city should be fighting to keep every single recreational benefit for it's community.

- Tennis builds community and promotes fitness! We already have a shortage of good tennis courts with lights in San Mateo - the courts at Beresford have huge cracks and half the lights don't work. Maintain our parks and keep

- I love tennis, my kids lopve tennis, my dad loves tennis so please add some tennis courts on the new Central Park plan. A tennis wall will be good also, for people wanted to just hit around all my themselves and its a good training system also. Thank you

- I love the park and I love the courts. They bring energy to downtown.

- I would like the tennis courts to remain open

- These courts are well used by our community! There is no reason to take them down.

- City of San Mateo doe not have enough tennis courts when school courts are not available. Foster City has many more courts per capita.

- With the big concerns about obesity in American children, WHY IN THE WORLD are you considering taking away a physical opportunity? Put the money into resurfacing the tennis courts not eliminating them!!!

- I play a lot of tennis along with my kid and friends at Central Park courts.

- I think these courts are a community treasure and I have used them a lot. Would love others to have the same opportunity.

- We need those tennis courts. Please keep recreational choices for all of us!

- I want to keep or remodel Tennis Courts.

- I enjoy the sport

- Not only are these courts used by players of all ages throughout the day, swing by 7 days a week at 8 am and you'll find dozens of retirees playing. Why remove something that adds so much to the local community?

- The community needs Tennis courts

We need more courts not less

- Whether it's recreational or team practice, both children and adults benefit from playing tennis. The purpose of a city central park should allow for this form of healthy activity within our community.

- Lots of use over the years. My father played there, I took lessons there, and I have played there with my children. Please don't take this away from the community!

- These tennis courts are always full! Unthinkable to remove tennis courts in an area that has so many players. Gets the kids off the couch and active.

- My children have grown up playing on these courts. Its conveniently located to many shops & restaurants too.

- The Central Park tennis courts is where I learned to play tennis.

Tennis is a great recreational activity and we need to keep these courts accessible to the community.

- It's the perfect place to have tennis courts. Why would anyone change that? We need more, not less tennis courts. Let's encourage people to go out and get exercise.

- I'm signing because I feel that a park should offer opportunities for sports and athletic activities. I have looked at the proposed plans for Central Park, and while they have some good elements, it seems like there is more of a concern to create open space than to promote healthy living and fitness. Parks and athletic opportunities go hand in hand.

- I'm signing because I spend half of my week in San Mateo, roughly one block from these courts. It is convenient for my boyfriend and I to practice here, as I have a busy schedule but I love the game of tennis. Please keep our park

beautiful and allow San Mateo to keep some elements of its charm... the reason we are there in the first place!

- We need MORE, not less, places for kids to play sports! Come on, San Mateo!

- I am signing because all my family and a lot of my friends play tennis at the courts in Central park. I think the courts are important for the community.

- Enough is enough... These courts are busy every day that I walk by with my dog, and Inuse them myself on Sundays... We DON'T need more condos or apartments for greedy developers!

my husband played tennis three or four times a week during his younger years. He often used the courts in Central Park. With all the new building going up near the park, the courts will be used by many more people. It's a relaxing and healthy activity. I urge you not to drop the courts. Many people will be negatively affected.
On another subject, the park is not broken. It doesn't need fixing.

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- My friends and I have played here for years, and look forward to many more. This is a relatively small foot print of space that brings so much joy to the community!

- I'm signing because my husband and I are avid tennis players and use these courts 2 to 3 times a week.

- I live in San Mateo, and use the Central Park courts frequently. I think it is important to maintain the courts in Central Park.

- Th tennis courts are fantastic. They are one of the main reasons that we live in downtown San Mateo. Please please please do not remove them!!!!!!

- These tennis courts have served this community for generations & should continue to do so into the future. Do not sacrifice them for some developers

wants, please.

- San Mateo needs tennis courts!

- We walk our dogs in the park every weekend and the courts are always in use. They should be kept.

- I'm a tennis player and there are very few public courts around. I hope you will reconsider the plan to eliminate them.

- we just rediscovered these courts! They are lovely, an oasis to play in. It really is hard to find a public place to play tennis with one's family.

- Tennis is a wonderful American Sport and there is nowhere else central that is easy to book.

- I like playing at the Central Park courts.

- I play tennis at Central Park 3 days a week.

- I occasionally play tennis at these courts with my partner. I love the location...within walking distance. These courts are a major draw. I walk in the park virtually every day, early morning and late at night, and every time I go by these tennis courts someone is playing.

The thought that these courts could be "moved" to another park without breaking the value of the courts to an established user base is an insult to logic.
The proposal fails in so many ways that I am shocked that this poorly research and poorly thought-through plan ever reached this stage.
Kill this now before wasting any additional funds.

- they should not take away public and community areas in order to build more commercial or retail properties in San Mateo!

- I use the courts frequently and there must still be tennis courts in Central Park.

- I use these courts and value them highly. Not everyone can drive elsewhere.

- keep our tennis courts!

- Tennis is a game one can play for a lifetime. These courts are used by people of all ages. Keep tennis alive in San Mateo!

- These tennis courts should

Not be eliminated!

- The courts are intregal to central park and we will have no tennis courts when they are removed.

- Keep some semblance of tennis courts! The current courts are in poor condition, so reduce the number and have quality like Burlingame City!

- Have played on several San Mateo teams, all of which practiced at the Central Park courts....

- I'm signing because I think the tennis courts are well utilized by the community and enhance the city and Central Park. Also, my children's school uses the courts for tennis practice and if the courts are eliminated, they would have no where to practice and would have to disband their team.

- We need to keep recreational activities at easily accessible places

- My friends and all of our kids learned to play tennis together on those courts.

There are not enough tennis courts in the area.

- We've missed having our courts in San MAteo. It's hard to find alternative places to play.

- My wife and I use these courts almost every weekend. They're a great benefit of Central Park, and you can tell they get a lot of use by the community. Please continue to keep this great feature of the park!

- long time resident and supporter of central park

- Public tennis courts are important because it keeps the game accessible for most people who cannot afford a fancy & expensive tennis or country club. On the weekends, especially in the mornings when it's the best time of day to play, all the public courts are packed and it's difficult to get a court. Losing 6 courts from San Mateo would be a big loss to the tennis-playing community.

- I am a tennis player and see those courts always in use, They do need repair but are great to have available.Please keep

- We don't have enough courts in the San Mateo area. Please upkeep the courts but don't relocate them.

- I use these courts. It's critical to keep them for community and school usage

- These courts are an important community resource and need to remain in place!

- I strongly believe the Central Park tennis courts should remain on San Mateo! Thanks!

I think the courts at Central Park is a good thing. It diversities the usage of the park -

especially young adults.

- I used to go to Central Park before or after work. My tennis partner lives at San Mateo. I played USTA matches on these courts for so many years. We obviously practice on those courts as well. We most of the time eat on the nearby restaurants after play or practice. The courts need to be fixed but not relocated. They are in a perfect location.

- I used to play tennis there when I was living in the bay area.

- I USE THOSE

- i took lesson there when I was younger

- i am signing this petition because our children use these courts every spring for school and competitive tennis. We also use these courts for adult USTA matches. Please don't take away a recreational opportunity for our city.

- I PLAY TENNIS!!

Tennis courts are well used and are a value to the community.

- I believe these court serve our community well.

- We need physical outlets as well as air and water and food. Maybe more. The idea of taking them away from us is:

TOTALLY OUTRAGEOUS!!!!!

- I love tennis & we need more courts!!

- I'm singing, because we need to keep the recreational facilities open that we have locally.

- I love the tennis courts. They just need a little TLC or replaced in the new plans.

- My children learned to play tennis at this court

I love playing in these courts. Would hate to see them leave!

- The tennis courts are an important part of the park. I cannot think of any worthwhile reason to remove them--they are so frequently used by so many, it would be harmful to the community to do so.

- the tennis courts are a widely used amenity in San Mateo and a great place for friends and family to gather and make memories as well as great exercise. Why would we want to take that away from a community. If it ain't broke, why fix it?!?!?

- i like tennis

- I want options to play tennis in San mateo Instead of driving to Foster City.

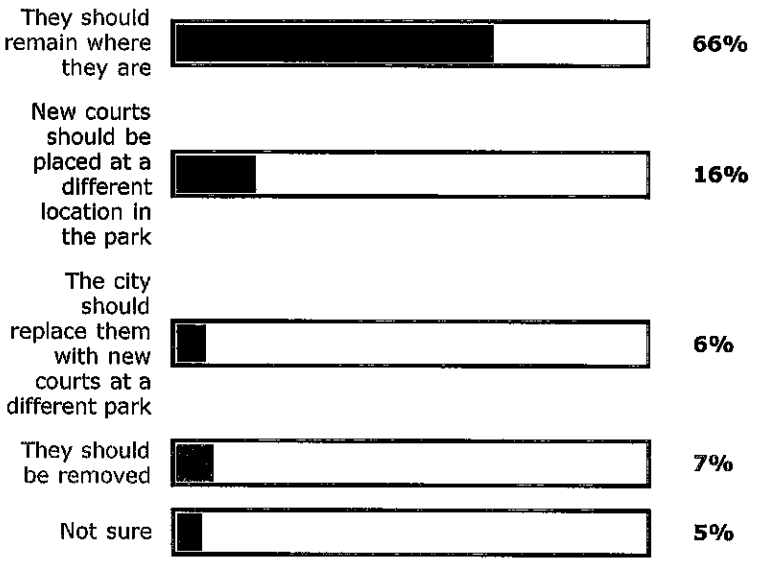
- terrible thing to get rid of the tennis courts!

Also, the San Mateo Daily Journal Poll online at their website shows this as of March 14, 2015 approx. 9:00pm.....not a perfect process (no process is perfect) but certainly interesting and worth the look combined with other inputs and sources of info. City Council will be using :

We asked: ***San Mateo city officials are in the process of determining the future of Central Park. How do the tennis courts fit into that future?***

Poll Results

Opinion	Graph	Votes



Total Votes: 387

Julia Klein

From: collin lau <collinlau@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Julia Klein
Subject: Regarding PA 15-019

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Dear Madam,

The purpose of this is to provide comments for consideration & subsequent plan revisions for the Central Park Master Plan Update. I am a resident at 222 6th Avenue and visit (use the park quite often). I have reviewed the three plans for consideration and am not truly happy with them. I believe that in general they try to cater principally to one strata of the local community, while ignoring another strata - essentially catering to very young children as opposed to young adults. It is quite apparent that the plans attempt to have a larger children play area while eliminating the tennis courts, though the children play area is not fully utilized commensurate to the area that is already available. I propose the following:

Keep the children play area the same; while increasing the number play gym equipment Keep the tennis courts, but reduce the number to 4; perhaps move it to the south side of the current baseball area Keep the baseball area, but make it smaller; more attuned to softball and little league play (smaller footprint) Keep the bleachers with a smaller footprint and move it away from 5th Avenue Keep the double duty of the baseball area (share with dog run area - it works really well) Keep the rec center, include the size vertically; have more, diverse activities for young adults. Not focused mainly on seniors Have volley ball, tight rope, badminton and basketball area. Get rid of bocci ball, shuffleboard and horseshoe area

Thank you for allowing me to provide this input.

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Julia Klein

From: Carolyn Healy <tacted@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Julia Klein
Subject: Fwd: Tennis courts at Central Park

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> > **Subject: Tennis courts at Central Park**
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> > Hi Sheila,
> > I oppose greatly even the thought of eliminating the tennis courts at Central Park. I have been a home owner in San Mateo for 20 years and am dismayed by the rate of concrete development and ever diminishing open space. Is every available square foot in San Mateo up for developers making a profit and charging outrageous rents? Make San Mateo a place people want to live. Not a place they are forced to endure high rents, astronomical home prices and little community free space. What we should be doing is INCREASING Central Park space due to the huge population density increase downtown. How about using the lot you sold to Essex and make that another park? Carolyn Healy
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Julia Klein

From: Sheila Canzian
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:31 AM
To: Abby Veeser
Subject: FW: I was told

Abby,

Can you provide him the information on where to find the link to the concepts?.

Thanks,
Sheila

Sheila Canzian

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From: Chuck Lebo [mailto:cplebo@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:17 PM
To: Sheila Canzian
Subject: I was told

Hi Sheila,

I frequent Central Park on almost a daily basis. I am one of the people who goes to Fitzgerald Field in the morning so my dog can socialize with other dogs off-leash. I recently heard there was a plan to underway to move the off-leash area to another smaller area of the park. Can you tell where I can read more about this proposal and why this much beloved destination for San Mateo dogs and their two-legged companions is potentially in jeopardy?

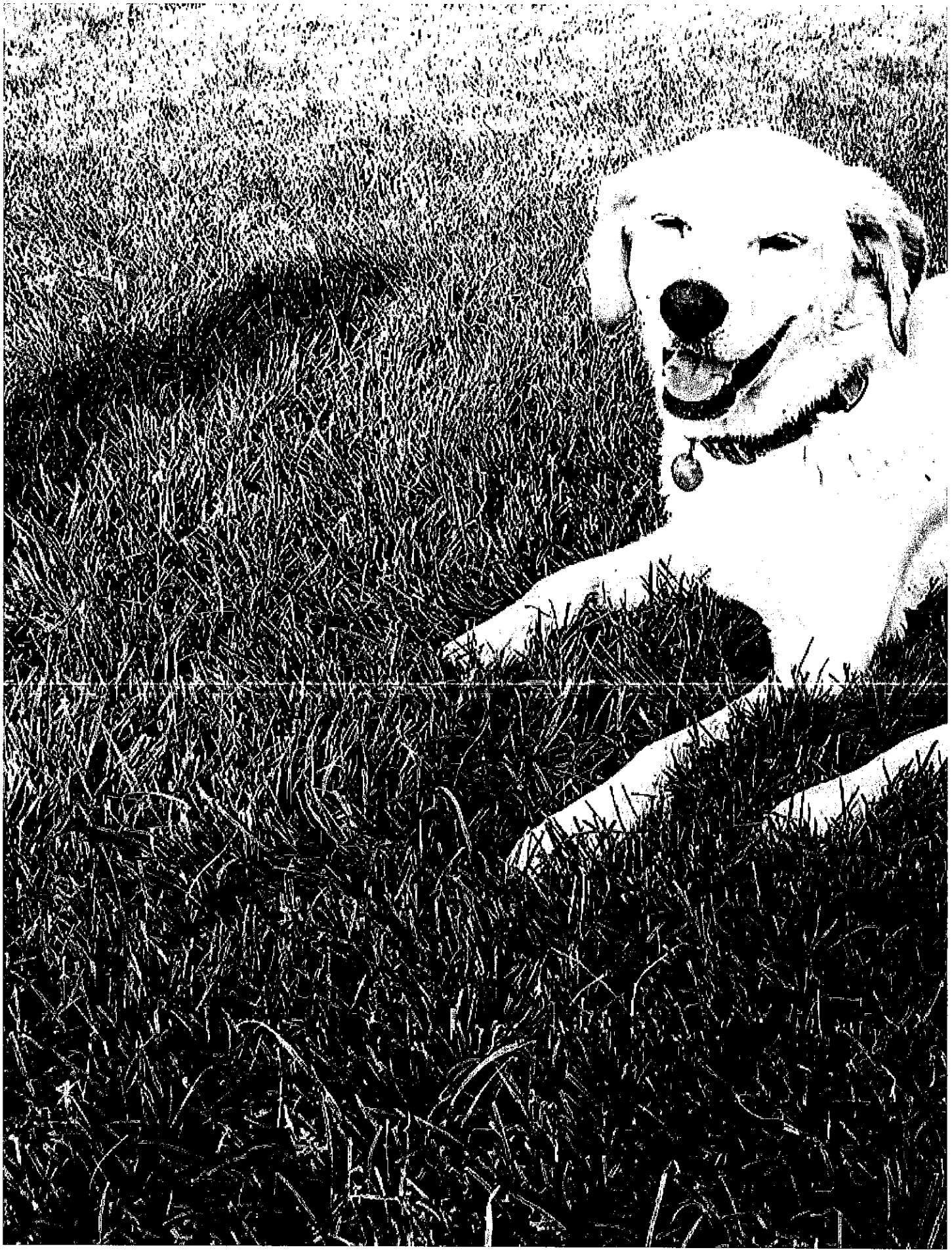
Below are two of the happy dogs (Lucy and Bronx) that would be impacted by this change of venue. The dogs do not get a chance to vote but if they could, they'd definitely raise their paws to defend their right to continue to socialize with other dogs and run off-leash at Fitzgerald Field between 6 and 8 am, Monday thru Sunday.

If you can direct me to a place online where I can download a pdf or view the proposal online, I'd greatly appreciate it.

Respectfully yours,

Chuck

Chuck Lebo



Julia Klein

From: Greg Komo <gkomo@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 7:52 AM
To: Abby Veeser
Subject: PICKLEBALL courts -fastest growing sport in America

Hi Abbey ,
My name is Greg "Komo" Komisarek and I am one of the ambassadors here in Northern California representing the USAPA (USA PICKLEBALL Association) I ,along with several other PICKLEBALL devotees would like to attend the upcoming meeting on the reconstruct of tennis courts at Central Park .
8 years ago the San Mateo Times did a feature on our organization using the Central Park location . Shortly after ,the San Francisco Chronicle took up the story and featured PICKLEBALL not only on the front page of the Sunday Magazine but had a full page picture on the front of the paper itself !
ABC news shortly after contacted me and sent Mike Schumann down for a segment on Channel 7 Sports. It was filmed at the Highlands Rec Center where at that time we had 4 outdoor courts ,with lights ,and one indoor court. The outdoor courts have since been raised for a multi purpose room and offices. Mr. Schumann by the way has become a PICKLEBALL deciple.

We were filling all four outdoor courts 3 times a week with up to 25 players and the indoor court was in constant use.
PICKLEBALL is an easy game to learn for ages 6-100+ yrs old.
I have played all over the U.S. and have had great games with every age group . My crowning moment was getting waxed by an 80 year old nun wearing her habit !!

4 PICKLEBALL courts fit on 1 tennis court ! " If you build it they come " .

It is my belief that if Central Park allows 4-8 PICKLEBALL courts it would be a magnate for not only San Mateo residents but would attract the " Snow Birds " and adventurous players that traverse the U.S. looking for new places to play.
4-8 courts equals the same area as 2 tennis courts yet will allow 32 players space all at once . The numbers do work .
Palo Alto at Mitchell Park has a tremendous following and is now outgrown the two paddle tennis courts (similar dimensions) the numbers have climbed from 8-10 players a weekend to 30 plus in the last month, by just word of mouth .

Looking forward to meeting you.
Aloha , Komo .

Julia Klein

From: Gabi <sfgabi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 3:09 PM
To: Julia Klein
Subject: Re: Central Park Revamp

Hi Julia,

My husband, Riaz Shivji & myself are in favor of keeping the Central Park Tennis Courts.

So many of us living in & around San Mateo would love to keep the Central Park tennis courts. Residents, neighbors, including adults, athletes, USTA teams, families, children, those visiting San Mateo, etc., etc. utilize these courts & some of us see them as an asset to our community!

It would be wonderful if some of the city/municipal funds could be allocated towards resurfacing these courts. ...If there is money available.
It seems as if no one can stop residential housing/condos from being built all over San Mateo County in the very near future. We can at least try to keep our local park & tennis courts in tact.

Best regards,
Gabi Rondell
Concerned resident of San Mateo
(Sunnybrae/Hayward Park)

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