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Dear Mayor, Council Members & Staff,

Sometimes it's the things we *don't* do – whether it's building new gas stations, demolishing all old buildings, or purchasing stuff we don't need – that can make a world of difference and create positive ripples of change.

Installation of synthetic or plastic turf is yet another example of something NOT to do. Many once thought (and perhaps still do) that this type of turf is a water-conservation fix for our drought-ridden region. This has turned out to be a false solution. We also now know that [plastic turf is dangerous](#), contributing to a wide range of illnesses and injuries, air and water pollution, and climate risks – all well described in detail by previous letter writers.

We may not have fully understood all of this in the past, but now there's no excuse for looking the other way. The science is clear, the harms are real.

**Please do not allocate one more dime for the installation of plastic grass.**

Thank you,

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