

Recreation, Music & Parks Commission
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA, 94952

Subject: Support for All-Weather Turf Field at Lucchesi Park

Dear Commission,

We, the Presidents of the three Petaluma Little Leagues, are writing to express our unwavering support for the installation of a new all-weather turf field at Lucchesi Park. As dedicated advocates for youth sports in our community, we firmly believe that this project is essential for the growth and development of our young athletes in our community.

The current turf field holds immense importance for the thousands of children who participate in youth sports in Petaluma each year. This field serves as a hub for various sports activities, including soccer, baseball, and other recreational programs. Its central location and quality facilities have made it a favored destination for children of all ages and skill levels. The availability of a well-maintained all-weather field is crucial in ensuring that these children can continue playing sports, regardless of inclement weather conditions.

The support for this initiative is not confined to a handful of individuals but represents the collective voice of at least 1200 families belonging to our three Little Leagues in Petaluma. These families understand the importance of providing our children with safe and reliable facilities that facilitate their growth, physical fitness, and social interaction. By investing in a new turf field, we are affirming our commitment to the well-being and future of our youth.

Furthermore, the existing turf field at Lucchesi Park plays a vital role in supporting our Little League Baseball teams during the winter months. When grass fields become unusable due to weather conditions, this all-weather turf field serves as a lifeline, allowing our teams to conduct tryouts and practices. Replacing this invaluable asset with anything other than a new turf field would cause severe disruptions to our operations and negatively impact the quality and consistency of our programs. It is essential that we maintain the availability of a reliable all-weather surface to ensure the uninterrupted progress of our Little Leagues.

We understand that undertaking a project of this scale requires careful consideration and allocation of resources. However, we implore you to recognize the far-reaching benefits that a turf soccer field would bring to our community. By providing a safe and durable playing surface, we can foster a love for sports, encourage healthy competition, and create lifelong memories for our children. Moreover, retaining the turf field at Lucchesi Park is crucial to preserving the integrity and continued success of our Little Leagues and other youth sports organizations in Petaluma.

We kindly request that you take this letter into account as you evaluate the importance of the proposed turf all-weather field at Lucchesi Park. We are confident that by supporting this project,

you will be investing in the future of our community, ensuring that generations of young athletes have the opportunity to thrive and enjoy the numerous benefits that organized sports provide.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We eagerly await positive news regarding the turf soccer field project and remain committed to working alongside you to create a vibrant and inclusive sports environment for the youth of Petaluma.

Yours sincerely,

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