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One more!

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Good Day,

I am submitting comment of disapproval for replacement of the artificial turf.

With the passing of a 'Climate Emergency Resolution' in May 2019 and subsequent legislation, Petaluma established itself a national leader on Climate Action. But there is still much work to do. In partnership with ReLeaf Petaluma, Rebuilding Petaluma and hundreds of engaged and concerned citizens Petaluma Parks and Recreation became a leader in this global emergency. Working together over the past year 748 trees were successfully planted in Petaluma City Parks. It is time to build on this reputation and divest in plastic playing fields and playgrounds.

There is a growing movement against its use and several very good articles written. A recent, March 10, 2023 from the Guardian.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2023/mar/10/phillies-ball-players-cancer-artifical-turf>

Quoting from the article:

“Artificial turf can act as a heat island, increasing playing field temperatures to as much as 93C (200F). National Football League players pressured the league in 2022 to ban artificial turf because of injuries, and the US national soccer teams will only play on natural grass for the same reason.

At least nine municipalities in Connecticut, California and Massachusetts, including the city of Boston, have begun limiting the use of synthetic fields via bans or moratoriums. Legislatures in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts also began considering prohibiting them in recent months, while a ban on non-essential uses of PFAS going into effect in Maine in 2029 could bar the use of artificial turf there.”

Best Regards,

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