I am writing this email to ask the city council to renew and keep the Lower Arroyo Archery Range for the community to use.

The range is a benefit to the community as one of the only local areas where archery as a sport can be taught safely and practiced safely. With the recent surge in public interest regarding the sport of archery due to current movies and culture, I think the range is a great asset and plus for the city of Pasadena to promote safe and enjoyable activity and training.

Please do not take away this small designated and historic range which does not use up very much of the existing park area which is available to everyone. This range is a public use range and is available for the safe practice and use of anyone interested in archery just as other city facilities are designated for the safe and dedicated use of golfers, tennis players and other sports requiring specific and safely designated areas.

I would ask that this email be included in the agenda packet for the meeting.

Glenn Frank
recreational target archer / Southern California resident.
Pasadena's public archery range is just one of the assets that makes our city a national treasure.

I want to express my support for those who want to keep the archery range in the Arroyo open to use by the public, as it has been for nearly 100 years. To my knowledge no one has ever been injured by the archers' activities. The archers' activities do not pose any undue burden to either neighboring property owners, or other users of the park (as opposed to the use of the Rose Bowl for concerts and sporting events, which impact the entire surrounding community). Archery is one of the few sports that is truly equal opportunity, and having a public venue for target practice makes it accessible to all Pasadena's citizens. There is simply no need to change the way the archers have used the Arroyo - they have a decades-long record of safety and good practices in using and maintaining the area of the park that they use.

Please include my comments as part of the agenda packet for the City Council meeting of February 2, 2015.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Frederick

There are three striking points relevant to today's debate that can be inferred from this brief mention of archery in a 123-year-old newspaper article:

1. Archery in 1891 was a sport that could be practiced in the backyards of Pasadena's landed gentry such as the Daggett family's estate, but this was decades before the City provided any archery facility for the general public.
2. The Times article does not report any concern for the safety of the archery contest participants or the onlookers from the east piazza or the Daggetts' neighbors, who were not protected by a 120-foot hillside. Even in 1891, those who engaged in the sport knew that archery was inherently safe.
3. Archery in 1891, as it is today, was a sport enjoyed by boys and girls, men and women. Archery has always been a sport of equal opportunity for all ages and both genders, long before Title IX and other legislation mandated such equal opportunities in other sports.

Even though archery was inherently enjoyable by all, it took an enlightened Pasadena city government to open the sport to the general public. The City permitted archery to take root in the Lower Arroyo in the 1920s and 1930s, first at the Target Archery Range and later at the Field Archery Range, always insisting that these ranges be open and available to the public at large. Due to continued support by Pasadena's city leaders, all members of the public have been able to practice archery in the Lower Arroyo Park for nearly a century. Pasadena has
remained committed to the principle that archery should be accessible to all, not only the landed gentry and their guests, and not only the private archery clubs who established and maintained the Lower Arroyo ranges.

In today’s debate, a small segment of the landed gentry is resurgent, seeking to roll back nearly a century of progressive city policy by drastically restricting or eliminating the general public’s opportunities to practice archery at the Lower Arroyo range. Ironically, one of their proposals is to restrict archery in the Lower Arroyo to events conducted by a private club, the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA), a group whose aims they otherwise oppose.

Pasadena’s present-day leaders should resist this pressure from powerful interests. The City Council should not roll back a century of progressive city policy toward archers and their sport. The Lower Arroyo Field Archery Range should be kept open to the public for archery seven days a week.
Esteemed council members,

I want to voice my objection to the proposal by "Stewards for Public Land" (SPL) to ban Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) from the lower arroyo. The wording of SPL's assertion that the west side of the lower arroyo will be closed to public access, to be used for archery only, implies PRA instigated this push for status change, which is untrue. SPL's claims are inaccurate and misleading, inflaming outrage for loss of public open space. Please consider that when evaluating the volume of petition signatures they collect.

Besides well accomplished archers, there are many children, my grandson included, who use the archery range. I have stayed while children's classes are conducted and am very impressed with the dedication, knowledge, commitment, and emphasis on safety exhibited by the instructors, Jim and Terry, especially. Each child is given individual attention when they arrive for the first time, being evaluated and oriented, then given group instruction before practice begins. Very strict limits are set and children know that any inappropriate or unsafe behavior will ban them from the range.

While my grandson and the other children are instructed in archery, I hike on the west side lower arroyo trail, sharing it with other hikers, runners, dog walkers, and equestrians. I have never felt a safety threat from archers and the fact that there has never been an accident (and forbid any ever occur) speaks for itself.

Respectfully,

Mary Gandsey
From: princess.of.llyr@gmail.com [mailto:princess.of.llyr@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Sarah Gencarelli
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 9:59 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Dear members of the Pasadena City Council,

I am writing you this evening to express my extreme sadness that the Lower Arroyo Archery Range in Pasadena is still being threatened. The merits of the Lower Arroyo Range are many, for which I will briefly touch upon. I am sure my letter is not the first to totoe the Archery Range's historic credentials, with its 79 year history and holding the spot for the world's oldest continually operating archery range. The variety that archery offers is incredibly noteworthy too, as it does not discriminate in regard to age, sex and disability. In the current age of obesity in which we live, why would you want to limit a physical activity that is beneficial to so many?

I cannot understand why the Lower Arroyo Archery Range is under such extreme debate. Does the Council discuss limiting the hours of use for the golf courses in the city? What about the Brookside Golf course that's inside the Arroyo? Is the Rose Bowl Aquatic center seeing this kind of heat as well? These are the kind of questions we need to ask ourselves in regard to the possible usage restrictions and other limitations that are aimed at the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

I found myself drawn to the Lower Arroyo Archery Range and to the Pasadena Roving Archers back in 2010 when I discovered the Range's existence online. Being a sport that have been positively used in many recently movies, video games and TV shows (not to mention I;m a big medieval history enthusiast) I felt it was a sport I seriously wanted to try. I looked to the Lower Arroyo Range for its location, as its close by to where I reside in Glendale. I also looked to the Pasadena Roving Archers for instruction and safety protocol. I was immediate hooked on the sport, and I find myself spending my Saturdays in Pasadena now over all the other places I could go in the Los Angeles area. Due to the fact that the Lower Arroyo Archery Range exists, my husband and I now eat our Saturday meals and shop in Pasadena. We do the same when we have a holiday on a weekday. It's something unique like this that keeps my family, as I'm sure many other agree, coming to Pasadena. Why would you want to take that away?

Please include my email in the agenda packet for the city council meeting set to take place on February 2nd, 2015.

Thank you for your time and I strongly encourage your support of a Pasadena tradition that is beneficial to and loved by so many.

~Sarah Gencarelli
Glendale, CA
October 25, 2013

VIA EMAIL  vbertoni@cityofpasadena.net
AND U.S. MAIL

Vincent P. Bertoni, AICP, Director
Planning & Community Development Department
City of Pasadena
175 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re:  Objections to Proposed Grant of Special Rights to Roving Archers

Dear Mr. Bertoni:

This firm and the undersigned represent Mr. Thomas G. Gertmenian, owner of the real property located at 310 South San Rafael Avenue, Pasadena.

Please add this office to your notice list for any actions, meetings, hearings or proposed votes related to the Roving Archers issue or Project, as defined below.

Mr. Gertmenian opposes any plan by the City to authorize exclusive or special use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range or Lower Arroyo Seco Parkland to the Pasadena Roving Archers ("Archers"), which use would effect an unconstitutional taking and/or damaging of Mr. Gertmenian’s property and property rights, in violation of Art. 1, Sec. 19 of the California Constitution. We also believe the City’s proposed special allowance of a specified area of public land to the Archers, or lease to the Archers at a below market, nominal rental value, would violate Art. 16, Sec. 6 of the California Constitution, which prohibits gifts of public land or money.

Any proposed plan as has been discussed to date also would require preparation and public circulation of an Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). Any purported exemptions under CEQA are facially invalid. The “whole” of the action as has been discussed to date would result in significant direct and indirect physical impacts to the environment.
To the extent that this proposal (in whatever form) may still be on the table, we respectfully request a meeting with City staff in the near future to discuss this issue and the threat it poses to human life and property.

In furtherance of our gaining a better understanding of the proposed project, this letter is also a request under the California Public Records Act pursuant to Government Code Section 6250, et seq. Please provide copies of the following from the City (as “City” is defined below).

For ease of reference in this document, please refer to the following defined terms:

The “City” shall refer to all officials, employees, consultants, and agents of the City of Pasadena, including but not limited to the Planning & Community Development Department, the City Attorney’s office, and any outside counsel retained by the City.

“Archers” shall refer to the Pasadena Roving Archers, and any spokespersons, representatives, officers, employees, agents and/or attorneys acting on behalf of the Archers.

“Project” shall refer to the proposal to grant an exclusive use agreement or other use agreement to the Archers over a portion of the Lower Arroyo Seco Parkland.

“Document,” as defined in Govt. Code Section 6252(g), shall mean any handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, photocopying, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored.

“Email” includes, but is not limited to, correspondence to or from any e-mail account through which any City business is being conducted, including but not limited to e-mail accounts to City officials, employees or consultants, and any personal e-mail accounts maintained by City officials, employees or consultants in which City business is being conducted or public issues, such as communications with a project developer and/or its representatives, are
discussed. All personal e-mail accounts that may have been used for sending or receiving documents and records that are responsive to our requests are public records subject to disclosure under the CPRA.

The Public Records Act requests include:

(1) All documents which refer or relate to the Project.

(2) All documents which refer or relate to CEQA review or compliance for the Project, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(3) All documents which refer, relate to, or are communications to, from, with and/or including the Archers from January 1, 2000 through the date of your compliance with this request, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(4) All documents regarding the history and use of a portion of the Lower Arroyo Seco area for or by the Archers, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(5) All documents which refer or relate to potential liability to the City in connection with implementation of the Project, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(6) All documents which refer or relate to analyses of life and death and/or human or animal health and safety issues related to the Project or activities by the Archers, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items,
agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings

(7) All documents which refer or relate to insurance and/or indemnification issues, rates, premiums, risks, beneficiaries, additional named beneficiaries, and/or payors related to implementation of the Project, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(8) All documents which refer or relate to potential lead, soil, groundwater and/or any other type of environmental pollution associated with or that refers or relates to any prior use of the Lower Arroyo Seco area by the Archers, including but not limited to with regard to lead-tipped arrows, and further including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(9) All documents which refer or relate to potential lead, soil, groundwater and/or any other type of environmental pollution associated with or that refers or relates to the Project, including but not limited to with regard to lead-tipped arrows, and further including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(10) All documents which refer or relate to potential lead, soil, groundwater and/or any other type of environmental pollution associated with or that refers or relates to past or present use of the Eaton Canyon area for a firing range, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(11) All documents which refer or relate to the Project in connection with application or implementation of the Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies,
photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(12) All documents which refer or relate to the Project in connection with application or implementation of the Pasadena City Charter, Article XVI, regarding unrestricted parkland uses, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(13) All documents which refer or relate to the Project’s impacts or potential impacts to increase in use of the Rosemont Pavilion and its limited parking resources, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

(14) All documents which refer or relate to the Project’s overburdening of other nearby recreational areas, including but not limited to CEQA documents, staff reports, studies, photographs, memoranda and internal memoranda, agenda items, agenda statements, correspondence, emails, notes, photos, and audio and/or video recordings.

I draw the City’s attention to Government Code Section 6253.1, which requires a public agency to assist the public in making a focused and effective request by: (1) identifying records and information responsive to the request, (2) describing the information technology and physical location of the records, and (3) providing suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought.

If the City determines that any information is exempt from disclosure, I ask that the City reconsider that determination in view of Proposition 59 which amended the State Constitution to require that all exemptions be “narrowly construed.” Proposition 59 may modify or overturn authorities on which the City has relied in the past.
If the City determines that any requested records are subject to a still-valid exemption, I request that the City exercise its discretion to disclose some or all of the records notwithstanding the exemption and with respect to records containing both exempt and non-exempt content, the City redact the exempt content and disclose the rest. Should the City deny any part of this request, the City is required to provide a written response describing the legal authority on which the City relies.

Please be advised that Government Code Section 6253(c) states in pertinent part that the agency “shall promptly notify the person making the request of the determination and the reasons therefore.” (Emphasis added.) Section 6253(d) further states that nothing in this chapter “shall be construed to permit an agency to delay or obstruct the inspection or copying of public records. The notification of denial of any request for records required by Section 6255 shall set forth the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial.”

Additionally, Government Code Section 6255(a) states that the “agency shall justify withholding any record by demonstrating that the record in question is exempt under expressed provisions of this chapter or that on the facts of the particular case the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record.” (Emphasis added.) This provision makes clear that the agency is required to justify withholding any record with particularity as to “the record in question.” (Emphasis added.)

Please clearly state in writing pursuant to Section 6255(b): (1) if the City is withholding any documents; (2) if the City is redacting any documents; (3) what documents the City is so withholding and/or redacting; and (4) the alleged legal bases for withholding and/or redacting as to the particular documents. It should also be noted that to the extent documents are being withheld, should those documents also contain material that is not subject to any applicable exemption to disclosure, then the disclosable portions of the documents must be segregated and produced.

We request that you preserve intact all documents and computer communications and attachments thereto, including but not limited to all emails and computer files, wherever originated, received or copied, regarding the subject matter of the above-referenced requests, including archives thereof preserved on tape, hard drive, disc, or any other archival medium, and including also any printouts, blowbacks, or other reproduction of any such computer communications.
Vincent P. Bertoni, AICP, Director
Planning & Community Development Department
City of Pasadena
October 25, 2013
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If the copy costs for these requests do not exceed $200, please make the copies and bill this office. If the copy costs exceed $200, please contact me in advance to arrange a time and place where I can inspect the records. As required by Government Code Section 6253, please respond to this request within ten days. Because I am faxing this request on October 25, 2013, please ensure that your response is provided to me by no later than November 4, 2013. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT P. SILVERSTEIN
FOR
THE SILVERSTEIN LAW FIRM

RPS:jmr
cc: Hon. Bill Bogaard, Mayor
    Hon. Jacque Robinson, Vice Mayor
    Hon. Margaret McAustin, Councilmember
    Hon. John J. Kennedy, Councilmember
    Hon. Gene Masuda, Councilmember
    Hon. Victor M. Gordo, Councilmember
    Hon. Steve Madison, Councilmember
    Hon. Terry Tornek, Councilmember
    Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
    Michael J. Beck, City Manager
    (all via email)
To City Manager Michael Beck, Mayor Bill Bogaard, Council Member Steve Madison,

I heard that the lower Arroyo Archery issue is on the City council agenda for September 15. Unfortunately, I, and my wife, have prior commitments in New York city that week and would be unable to attend the hearing. The date is set by a semi-Annual Home Textile Show.

I request that this item be postponed until October or after. Being a property owner with yard that is directly affected by archery and other Arroyo activities. I feel I need to be at any public forum concerning the city’s use of my land in the Arroyo.

Tom Gertmenian
310 South San Rafael Ave.
Pasadena, CA.
From: Frank Gilliland [mailto:fdgilliland@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 12:02 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Safe plan be established for the use of the Archery Range in Arroyo Seco Park

I think it is very urgent that a fair and safe plan be established for the use of the Archery Range. The Pasadena Police Department agrees that the current situation is dangerous. Those of us who use the Lower Arroyo know that it is just a matter of time before someone – on or off the Range – will be hit by an arrow, and we pray it will not be fatal.

As a Physician, it is clear that prevention intervention is urgently needed before someone is injured as a result of the current lack of constraints on the archery use of this park.

WHY:

• There has been a tremendous expansion in archery use in the Lower Arroyo in recent years, overburdening what Pasadena has designated a “nature preservation area.”
• It is unacceptable that a private group has control of almost half of the usable open space in the Lower Arroyo.
• Neighbors to the west of the Archery Range have limited use of their properties because of falling arrows. One neighbor has collected more than 70 arrows that have fallen on his land.
• Today’s bows and arrows are powerful and lethal weapons.
• Conflicts between archers and other users of the Arroyo are increasing.
• There are numerous reports of arrows almost hitting pedestrians and/or joggers.
• Archers come from throughout LA County and few are Pasadena residents.
• There is drinking, smoking and shooting arrows – even after nightfall.

A Solution:

• Limit the days and hours when the Archery Range is open – to weekends only.
• Improve signage and use flags to alert pedestrians and others when the Range is open for archery use.
• Targets must be closed and locked when the Range is closed.
• Trained Range officers must be present whenever the Range is open to assure that rules are followed.
• Adopt City staff rules for licensing, training classes and a reasonable fee structure.

Sincerely,

Frank Gilliland MD PhD
525 Avon Ave
Pasadena
From: Susan Gilliland [mailto:gillilandsusan@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 12:39 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Susan Office #
Subject: Arroyo seco archery

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

As you know, the Roving Archers are utilizing a part of the lower arroyo seco. As a user of the arroyo seco, I enjoy bird watching in what I thought was a dedicated nature preservation area. Over the past 15 years I have personally seen a large expansion in the area that is being used by this private club, the roving archers. They have certainly over stepped their bounds.

It is totally unacceptable that a private group has control of almost half of the usable open space in the Lower Arroyo! If that's allowed, then why not let an Audubon group or other group take over open space too? I hope you agree they the answer is that open space is meant for everyone- not just a private group.

Moreover, as an RN, these bows and arrows are powerful and lethal weapons. Is that what we want- an injury - a potentially fatal one? I ask you- we cut down tree limbs because we are worried about the liability- yet we allow deadly arrows?

Thank you for your consideration.
Susan Gilliland
525 Avon ave
Pasadena ca 91105

Susan
Sent from my iPhone
October 10, 2014

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles
801 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90017-4621

Pasadena City Council
100 N Garfield Ave,
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Members of the City Council,

After a recent visit to the archery range in the lovely Lower Arroyo park, a few of our Girl Scouts felt compelled to write to you and tell you how much they enjoyed their class. Please preserve the historic archery range and continue to make it available as a full time public archery range.

Please also include the girls’ letters in the information packet which is distributed to the Council prior to the City Council meeting.

Thank you!

Cc: Honorable William Bogaard
   Jacque Robinson
   John Kennedy
   Gene Masuda
   Margaret McAustin
   Victor Gordo
   Terry Tornek
   Steve Madison

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Dear City Council,

I attended the Archery Class with my Girl Scout troop. We had so much fun! It was truly amazing! We learned how to shoot a bow in arrow safely. Please let Pasadena's Archery Classes stay put. We had an amazing time and we loved the instructor Coach Jim. I plan on coming back. Thank you!

Ariana Troop 2644
Dear City Council,

I really want you to keep the Archery range. I learned how to shoot a bow and arrow and what the equipment is named. I LOVED shooting and it does not matter if you arc shoot or not! I liked how they make up cool Challenges to make you shoot better. I really hope you don't shut down the Archery range. I really love it!!!!

Love,
Riley
Troop 26-14

Me = <3
Dear City Council,

My girl scout troop really wants to keep the archery hear because we really enjoyed practicing here. The archery lesson was so much fun I would like to come here again. I also think that this is amazing because anyone can do archery. I also enjoyed it because it is very very safe so I didn't get hurt and no one else got hurt.

sincerely,

Kayla
Girl Scout
troop 2644
Dear City Council,

We really hope that the archery lessons will be able to stay so we can return to learn more. I have enjoyed learning to shoot arrows with a real bow and arrow. I am a girl scout and I enjoyed this all. I learned that I was using my right eye to aim. It is very fun and they showed us how to be safe around a bow and arrow. I loved using a bow and arrow and enjoyed my experience here.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn
Girl Scout Troop 2644
Dear City Council,

Don't shut us archery girl scout team. Be like a girl scout not a baby person. At my house all my do is sit on the couch and do nothing so when I first went to my backyard I saw someone doing archery and I asked my parents if I could try archery and they said no so I joined girl scout and what do you know I'm doing archery. So please don't shut us down.

Love,

Eryn
Dear City Council,

I loved my experience at the archery range and hope you will let them stay. Thanks to them I learned to shoot an arrow properly! 😊

Love,
Madison
Dear Sir or Madam, please keep the money
I gave you. We learned about the
Shut up Mr. R. P. P. I. M. H. 9 66

From Carma
Thy 26/4/9
Dear City Council,

I hope you had a good time. I came to the Pasadena Archery with another girl scout troop. I have had such a good time here. I learned a lot as well. I wish this place will never close. It is a perfect place to do archery than any other. No one has gotten hurt for 78 years. This place is one of the best and most fun place I have ever been to. I always have short of one come again other than staying home and doing nothing.

From,
Erin troop 265-6
Dear Pasadena City Council Members:

This letter is to request that you do all possible to preserve the Arroyo Archery Range for use by the Pasadena Roving Archers. My kids practice archery there and they love the tranquil setting that the Lower Arroyo provides. My children, Spencer (14), Isabella (11) and Cameron (24) have shot there many times and it is the perfect place for them to be outdoors practicing a sport they love.

My son, Spencer, was diagnosed several years ago with ADD and Depression and I would hate to think of the negative repercussions for him if he did not have the Arroyo to go to to practice this sport. This is the one thing that he loves and doing away with it would cause him great harm. He has formed strong friendships with the other members of the Club while practicing a sport he loves in the beautiful natural setting of the Arroyo. We don't need our cities to take away places where our kids can play outdoors, we need more places like this so that our kids are off of their phones and computers and out in the beautiful open, fresh air.

I hope you do the right thing and preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. There is no place like this! PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING!

Sincerely,

Ruby Gonzalez
Marketing Dept.
Neutrogena Corporation
5760 W. 96th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
p: 310.216-2450 | e: rgonza45@its.jnj.com
To Whom It May Concern,

My 14-year-old son and I are relatively recent members of the Pasadena Roving Archers, having joined about a year ago.

My son had expressed an interest in learning archery, and I was delighted to learn that free lessons were available in the Lower Arroyo. Though I initially brought him to try it out for himself, so inclusive and welcoming was the PRA that I found myself participating as well. While the idea of offering free introductory classes to anyone may raise an eyebrow for some, the environment of safety and professional conduct at the range under the guidance of the PRA is unlike any sports organization I have been a part of. From the very first moment one walks on to the range the volunteers establish - and rigorously maintain - the highest safety standards for all ages. Even members who aren't "on duty" that day as volunteers are quick to step in and help guide everyone on the range into a climate of safety and vigilance that is unparalleled.

We are current residents of San Gabriel and former residents of Alhambra. Saturday mornings bring the two of us into Pasadena almost every week. We don't just stop at the Arroyo, we shop, eat, and sometimes "make a day of it" in Pasadena. It is our pleasure to visit the Arroyo and enjoy a sport, and patronize the many businesses of Pasadena on our way in and out.

The other thing that impresses me about the PRA is their commitment to the land they are privileged to have used for nearly 80 years. The range itself strikes the perfect balance between the functional cleanliness required for safe archery practice and the wild beauty inherent in the natural setting.

My son and I joined the PRA to be a part of the organization that maintains such a loving commitment to a sport and the range that facilitates it. As a parent, I trust the members and leadership with my child, and know that they will not only keep him safe, but teach him to keep himself and others safe. Furthermore, he is learning how to be a part of a public-facing volunteer organization.

The archery range, and the true stewards of it - the PRA - are one of the salient aspects of what makes Pasadena both a wonderful place to live and a destination for those of us who live elsewhere. Let us continue the tradition of safety, stewardship, and sportsmanship in the Lower Arroyo, for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,
Daniel Hagerty
San Gabriel, CA

N.B.: Please include this letter in the agenda packet for the city council meeting on December 15th, 2014, and any meeting in which the future of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range is discussed.
Dear City Council Members,

I am a homeowner and resident of Pasadena since 2007, and I am also an archer. I regularly use the historic Lower Arroyo Seco Archery Range. I use the range on average 3 - 5 times throughout the week, and in my opinion it is one of the great historic treasures that Pasadena has to boast about. Continuously in operation for 79 years, and having a perfect safety record zero reported injuries since its inception, this is a jewel that the City of Pasadena should preserve and furthermore promote as one of the great outdoor recreational opportunities that everyone should give a try and have the opportunity to experience.

Please do not allow a special interest group that has distorted the facts about the archery range persuade you to eliminate this historic range. I would also point out that this group does not represent the majority of public opinion on the matter.

Thank you for your hard work and for choosing what your hearts and minds must surely tell you is the right choice.

I have cc’d City Clerk Mark Jomsky, and ask that my letter please be included in the agenda packet for the Pasadena City Council meeting, tentatively scheduled for September 15th, 2014.

Sincerely,

Anthony Hardwick

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Dear Mayor Bogard and Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Pasadena Roving Archers.

Archery is a wonderful and inclusive sport for all persons regardless of age or health. I am physically disabled and archery is very accommodating for people like me who don’t have a lot of opportunities to get out and participate in a sport. I can’t emphasize too strongly how much this means to me.

Living with a disability should not be made more difficult by some who can’t appreciate their good fortune without treating us as a burden or throwing us under the bus. Sadly we all know such insensitive people and know they will complain regardless of the issue as long as they can frame it as us versus them.

Actions speak louder than words and so it is with the Roving Archers. The PRA’s perfect safety record and thousands of volunteer hours offering an exceptionally popular (and inclusive) public recreation at little or no cost to the city cannot be diminished by the loud and specious words of a few.

Thank you for your service and continuing support of Archery in the Arroyo.

B.D. Howes

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From: B.D. Howes, DDS <bdhowes@mediadontics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 3:40 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.co
Subject: Pasadena Roving Archers

Dear Mayor Bogard and Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Pasadena Roving Archers and to encourage you to vote in favor of the agreement recommended by the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Archery is a wonderful and inclusive sport for all. I am physically disabled and archery is very accommodating for people like me who don't have a lot of opportunities to get out and participate with "normal" healthy people. I can't emphasize too strongly how much this means to me.

Living with a disability is a constant challenge made more difficult by some who can't enjoy their abundance without treating us as a burden or throwing us under the bus. Sadly these insensitive people will never have enough and will complain regardless of the outcome.

Actions speak louder than words and so it is with the Roving Archers. Their perfect safety record and thousands of volunteer hours offering an exceptionally popular (and inclusive) public recreation at little or no cost to the city should not be minimized by the loud and specious words of a few.

Thank you for your service.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Lee Hazelquist [mailto:lee.h89@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 3:23 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Pasadena Roving Archers Range

Jacque Robinson, Margaret McAustin, John J. Kennedy, Gene Masuda, Victor M. Gordo Esq., Steve Madison and Terry Tornek.

I'm writing you on behalf of the archery range in the Arroyo. My children and wife started taking archery lessons approximately 7 years ago, I joined them shortly there after. We have continued shooting there and have been members of the Pasadena Roving Archers ever since. We feel that the program is so worth while, that both myself and 21 year old daughter volunteer as certified archery instructors on Saturdays, even though we drive in from Riverside. I am a 29 year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department as such, I am highly trained for emergency situations including medical incidents. Besides teaching on Saturdays, I usually stop by the range a couple times a week in the morning between 7 and 10 am. then have brunch.
Please keep the range open. I will continue to promote your city and its wonderful archery program.
Lee Hazelquist
8223 Yearling Way
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From: JH <johnhazlet@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2014 8:37 AM
To: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Lower Arroyo archery range

We are in favor of retaining the archery range in the Lower Arroyo, and continuation of the agreement with Pasadena Roving Archers as to maintenance and management of the range.

Having hiked through the range area many times, we find that it, and the activities in it, pose no hazard to non-archers -- a fact statistically supported by the complete lack of injury accidents during the range's nearly eight decades of existence. When archery activities are in progress there, the participants are courteous and obviously safety-conscious. The vast majority of the time, those facilities are not in use by archers at all.

John W. Hazlet, Jr.
Geraldine M. Hazlet
Pasadena, CA