

Buchanan, Rita

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Please preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

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Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

I am writing to you as a neighbor of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range, as well as a Pasadena resident who both enjoys walking in the Arroyo, and as of tomorrow, the parent of a child who is planning on taking lessons with the Pasadena Roving Archers. It wasn't until I was on their website looking for information that I found out about a group called "Stewards of Public Land" whose objectives include removing archery from the Lower Arroyo.

This is an amazing space and should be preserved not only for the use by the community, but preservation of a wonderful and time-honored sport/activity. Please, please, please preserve the Archery Range.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hicks
875 Bellefontaine Place
Pasadena, CA 91105

Jomsky, Mark

From: snoboardp <snoboardp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 4:20 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Members of the Council,

As a resident and homeowner in Pasadena, I am not in support of closing the archery range in Lower Arroyo Park. Being a user of the range and I believe it offers a great place for residents to relax and practice their craft. The archery range is most definitely an asset to the city and its residents. While safety concerns may seem warranted by users of the park, any reasonable person who has participated in the sessions offered free of charge would come to the conclusion the archery range is safe. In fact, there has never been an archery accident at this range in its entire 79-year history. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

-Peter Ho

Jomsky, Mark

From: vettenet@hotmail.com on behalf of Kurt Hoberg <khoberg@ieee.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 8:40 PM
To: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark
Cc: president@rovingarchers.com
Subject: In favor of preserving the Pasadena Roving Archer's use of the Lower Arroyo

Dear Mayor and Esteemed Pasadena City Council,

I am writing to you in support of the continued use of the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) archery range in a like manner as the organization's 79 year history.

I live in Moorpark and have made the trip to Pasadena to train and target-shoot at PRA. I have been involved in archery for over a decade, compete in target archery events, and coach at the Conejo Valley Archers club (CVA) in Simi Valley of which I am the organization's President.

I have always been impressed with the quality of instruction and character of the members and coaches at PRA. I have also spent time at competitions talking to the PRA board officers and coaches about the sport, with a focus on how the sport of archery develops important traits in youth. Specifically, participation in archery teaches the values of hard work, mental and physical discipline, and maturity that carry over into all aspects of an archer's life.

There is a strong bond between PRA and Conejo Valley Archers. We have participated in friendly competitions hosted at both our ranges and have assisted each other when there have been challenges with continuing our respective programs. PRA gave a donation to CVA when in 2003 a large wildfire destroyed our range, and CVA donated PRA funds when their storage bin was burglarized and archery equipment stolen.

With the upswing of interest in the sport of archery due to media popularization I feel it is important to continue a program as strong as PRAs. The general public from all walks of life come to PRA to be exposed to the sport for the first time. I know from personal experience how positive PRA's program is in providing an archer the proper instruction to safely shoot their first arrow...to providing the quality of coaching necessary to help an aspiring Olympian reach for their dream.

PRA also has a long history with the movie industry due to the knowledge, exemplary instruction, and professionalism of the PRA coaching staff. The PRA coaching staff is so well regarded that many collegiate archers from nearby universities train at PRA, some of which have Olympic aspirations.

It would be a shame to see this end due to a vocal, well politically-connected minority (Claire Bogaard, Tom Seifert, Dianne Philibosian, Ann Scheid, and Tim Brick) that hold many misconceptions about the sport of archery and the people that are passionate about it.

I find it quite confusing that this group calls out safety as their main concern about the continued use of the Lower Arroyo. Per the Arizona Fish and Game Department, "these data indicate that archery is one of the safest sports, with an injury rate of less than one incident per 1,000 participants. Recreational activities like golf and fishing have an injury rate of up to 1.5 to 2 times the rate for archery. Common sports like soccer, baseball and basketball have injury rates 15 to 25 times that of archery." (http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/i_e/archery/ArcherySafetyInsight.pdf)

In fact, the insurance industry recognizes archery safety statistics to the point where USA Archery offers General Liability insurance coverage up to \$1M for Level 2 and above certified coaches. (http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA_Archery/Documents/ARY2014%20Insurance%20Benefits%20Desc%20V11%200506142.pdf).

I urge the City of Pasadena to review the data on <http://pasadenaarchery.com/> and the other links I've provided and use that information to make the correct decision to preserve the Pasadena Roving Archer's irreplaceable program.

Respectfully,

Kurt Hoberg

President, Conejo Valley Archers

P.S. - Please include this letter in the agenda packet for the relevant City Council meeting.

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery Range

From: Jennifer Hodis <jenniferhodis@mac.com>
Date: December 8, 2014, 8:45:27 AM PST
To: <City_Council@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Archery Range

I have lived in Pasadena for 30 years and rode my horse in the Arroyo near the Archery Range and would like them to stay. I took my Girl Scout troop there for an exhilarating lesson that gave them confidence and a rare opportunity to try this unique sport. My husband has taken his old bow there to give it a try for fun. All this was done safely and easily thanks to the Roving Archers who are courteous and respectful of the area. Please keep this special draw to our Arroyo for our kids and the greater interest of our city's future.
Thank you very much, Jennifer Hodis



Rick Horowitz & grandsons
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15 JAN 22 08:24AM
CITY CLERK

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Archery in Pasadena

From: phuld@earthlink.net [mailto:phuld@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 12:52 PM

To: City_Council

Subject: Archery in Pasadena

I strongly urge the Pasadena City Council to keep the Lower Arroyo archery range open and functioning. I first learned archery more than 30 years ago at Cal State Los Angeles, and in all of that time, I've never experienced, observed or even heard of a serious archery-related injury. I first learned of the Lower Arroyo range last year, and the people I've met there have been extremely conscientious and deeply concerned with safety. The only thing that prevents me from describing them as "professional" is the fact that they're not paid for their time and effort. I'm sure that the City Council, if it acts in the public interest, can find a solution which accommodates the needs of everyone who enjoys the Lower Arroyo.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Huld
(213) 285-2776

From: Jerry Ipsen <ipsenj@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 9:00 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Pasadena Archery Range

Mr. Jomsky,

I'm writing to express my approval for the continued use of the archery range. A friend and myself use the range 2-3 times during the week and often in the mornings. On every occasion we see other young archers there as well. We even see people walking their dog(s) off leash and often through the shooting lanes. Not so good. But we often smile, they smile and retreat to the walking path.

Although I am a Burbank resident I spend a great amount of time and money in Pasadena, either at the doctors, the mission center, shopping, buying gas and eating. Please understand that the archery range is a great resource and destination point for the city.

Thanks,

Jerry Ipsen, MBA
Business Consultant
818.468.2246

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To:
The Mayor and Council of the City of Pasadena
Please preserve the Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range, the oldest Field Archery Range in the country.

Sincerely,

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Pasadena, CA 91125

Stewart, Jana

From: CJ Johnson <calconnec@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:28 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Save the archery range!

I am urging the Council members to preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range!!
-CJ Johnson
Monrovia

Sent from CJ's iPhone

Novelo, Lilia

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: jnw4fun [mailto:jnw4fun@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 6:53 PM
To: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

As the vote on the future of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range gets closer, it is important to remind the City Council of their responsibility to ALL the people of Pasadena. The Lower Arroyo Archery Range has existed for 80 years. That is worth repeating - 80 Years - longer than most of the city council members have been alive the Lower Arroyo Archery Range has been providing the people of Pasadena a fun and exciting recreational activity. I challenge the city council members to name another activity in Pasadena that brings together people of all races and all ages to enjoy one activity. It is truly inspiring to see families where mom and dad and the kids are standing next to one another enjoying the same sport. Also many youth groups enjoy learning archery. That is what the Lower Arroyo Archery Range brings to Pasadena - a sense of community.

The Lower Arroyo Archery Range is part of the history, part of the culture, and part of the greatness that is Pasadena.

It saddens me to think that a wonderful part of Pasadena may be in jeopardy if a few of Pasadena's elite have there way. They seek to limit, or worse, close the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. This would be a travesty and tarnish the proud name of Pasadena.

I know emotions will not sway the vote, so let's talk finances. Every Saturday dozens of people line up for the archery classes offered by the Pasadena Roving Archers. A significant number spend their money in Pasadena's many restaurants and gas stations, thereby benefiting the local economy. These are funds that would not be available if drastic changes are made to the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

On a more personal note, my wife and I not only attend the weekend events, we also visit the range to practice three or four times during the week. During those weekday evenings we see dozens of people practicing the sport they love. Like us, many of those practicing during the week frequent one of the local restaurants.

On another point, on both the weekends and during the week, I have seen the archers, joggers, dog walkers and bird watchers peacefully coexist, everyone enjoying the Lower Arroyo area. Frequently joggers and dog walkers will stop and watch my wife and I practice, often asking how they can learn archery.

I urge the city council to vote to maintain the Lower Arroyo Archery Range as it stands. Changing the range or altering the operating hours to satisfy the whims of a few goes against the spirit of Pasadena. Vote for what is right for ALL of Pasadena and not for political capital. Show us you have the integrity and courage to stand up for what is right and to proudly call yourselves the Pasadena City Council. Save the Lower Arroyo Archery Range as it is - it's the right thing.

Please add this email in the vote perpetrating documents.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab®|PRO

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Save the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: jnw4fun@aol.com [<mailto:jnw4fun@aol.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2014 8:17 PM
To: Morales, Margo
Subject: Save the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

The Lower Arroyo Archery Range represents all that is great about Pasadena - History, Culture, Diversity and Fun. As a resident of Pasadena it makes me proud to tell my friends about the wonderful activities available in Pasadena from quality plays to the symphony to shopping to archery.

Please do not be fooled by the incorrect and misleading efforts of a few wealthy citizens who act as if Pasadena belongs to them. Pasadena belongs to all of us, not to the wealthy elite. On any given Saturday people from all over Pasadena enjoy learning archery. Young, old, couples, and families spending time together enjoying an ancient and fun sport. This is what is best about Pasadena. The Lower Arroyo Archery Range deserves to be saved in its current configuration.

Save the Lower Arroyo Archery Range - it is the right thing to do.

From: jnw4fun@aol.com
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 8:11 AM
To: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Save the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Please do not destroy one of the great historic parts of Pasadena. The Lower Arroyo Archery Range represents the best of Pasadena. Every Saturday one can see families and friends of all walks of Pasadena life enjoying a wonderful sport.

As the guardians of Pasadena's history and culture the City Council has the obligation to do what is best for ALL of Pasadena. Saving the Lower Arroyo Archery Range meets that obligation. Do the right thing - save the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Archery-Last message omitted my ame

To Whom It May Concern

I am a retired teacher and businessman. When I was approaching my second retirement I looked for an activity, an expression that would engage me on several levels. I wanted an activity in which I would be able to participate without the need for another party. Something I could do spontaneously when time permitted. I also wanted an activity to support a healthy mind body relationship, in other words an activity that would promote mental focusing as well as function as a form of meditation. Archery met these criteria. I wanted the opportunity to share the easy company that interaction surrounding a common activity supplies, and again archery provided this. I wanted an activity that would provide the stimulation that healthy competition promotes and archery also included this opportunity. I also looked for something that my wife could enjoy with me. She does not shoot but she accompanies me to the Arroyo and walks the park, exercising and interacting with archers and other walkers in this marvelous setting. My grandchildren also join me and they enjoy the experience. I feel safe and at ease with my six year old granddaughter at the range.

I have found a collection of people at the range who span the religious, cultural and ethnic continuum. I find these people to be genuine, kind and sharing. When I first came to the range, knowing no one, they made me welcome and over time they shared their knowledge and skills with me, all of which I am very grateful for. It is a supportive group who share the ups and downs of our personal experiences, our families, our health and the general goings on of our daily lives.

I live in Las Feliz but the majority of my entertainment, dining and shopping is done in Pasadena. I am a Vroman's regular, I movie at the Laemmle and the Arclight. This is all to say that though I use the range and live else ware my wife and I participate in the Pasadena economy.

The archery range in the Arroyo is a welcoming environment that has provided sustenance to everyone from retirees to children. It would be extraordinarily poor judgment to entertain changing its current status or use in any way. I also feel that it is an inappropriate use of political access on the part of Claire Bogaard and The "Stewards of Public Land" who are promoting the elimination of the archery range and the pleasure it provides the community at large. Their arguments defy logic and truth and I question their underlying motives. The true stewards of this public land are actually the Pasadena Roving Archers and the maintenance, supervision, and activity based learning experience they provide. Our consistent presence provides a security aspect in that we are protective observers overseeing the safety and security of the area. We care deeply about the range and its care and maintenance. I sincerely believe that those parties involved in promoting the removal of archery form the Arroyo should find a better use of their insider's access to political influence than attempting to eliminate a successful, safe, and valuable asset.

Sincerely

Marc Kamm
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L.A. CA 90027

Novelo, Lilia

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Dena Kana [<mailto:denakana@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 9:10 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Dear Members of the City Council:

Please preserve this important part of the history of archery. With the expanding popularity of archery in the United States, this unique range provides an incredible opportunity for both new and experienced archers to come together, while surrounded by the majestic natural resources of the State of California. Archery is truly a unique and safe sport that can be shared and enjoyed by small children through senior archers. Archery gives families the opportunity to share a sport in the great outdoors. It build camaraderie between people of all ages, races, religions and backgrounds. Archery allows children, who may not be able to participate in other sports, an opportunity to get involved and be successful. Archery is a huge self-confidence booster for many children and adults alike. What a perfect setup this range has with the Pasadena Roving Archers acting as stewards of the range and land. These volunteers give their time and I am sure money to ensure that archery is kept alive and its heritage passed down to future generations of archers. It would be a tragedy to ruin this little peace of archery paradise. Please continue to protect and preserve the Historic Pasadena Field Archery Range and the people who thrive there! My hat is off to the fine group of people who unselfishly give their time to preserve this historic range, while promoting archery within their community and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Yours in bowhunting,

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Novelo, Lilia

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Nonresident Roving Archer volunteers are an asset to Pasadena

From: Aaron Kiely [mailto:aaronkiely@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:55 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; Bogaard, Bill; city_letters@rovingarchers.com the City
Subject: Nonresident Roving Archer volunteers are an asset to Pasadena

(For inclusion in the agenda packet regarding the archery range.)

Dear City Councilmembers,

I am a USA Archery certified Level 3 coach and also a member of the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA). I work at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, but I live in La Canada.

Much ado has been made about the fact that many PRA members are not residents of Pasadena. As someone who fits this category, I'd like to share with you my perspective.

For most of the hours during which the park is open, the archery range is open to the general public, and the PRA has no special status. This makes my membership in PRA irrelevant during that time.

So the real question is: when PRA *does* have use of the range, *just what am I up to?*

Every Saturday morning, I wake up early so that I can volunteer my time to teach kids archery as part of PRA's public instruction program. It's the highlight of my week. I've given kids as young as 4 years old their first archery lesson. I've given archery lessons to young special needs archers. I've seen firsthand the satisfaction that they experience when they compete with – and sometimes outperform – their “typical” peers in one of the few sports where they compete as equals. I also help coach the advanced young archers who participate in our Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program. The JOAD group includes archers who have won medals this past year at state-level competitions while representing your city by proudly wearing jerseys that read “*Pasadena* Roving Archers.”

But I don't live in Pasadena. So my weekly volunteer hours are somehow a strain on city resources rather than an asset to Pasadena?

Sincerely,
Aaron Kiely

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Keep the archers in the Arroyo

From: Virginia Kimball [<mailto:vskimball@aol.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 12:09 PM

To: City_Council

Subject: Keep the archers in the Arroyo

Dear City Council members:

We are Pasadena residents who frequently walk the Lower Arroyo. We are not archers, but we think the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range should be preserved. They don't bother us and we don't bother them. On Saturday mornings, we don't use the parking lot, because we know it will be full of families learning how to use bows and arrows. Instead, we park on some nearby street, hike into the Arroyo and walk our usual loop. It's a lovely place with room for walkers and hikers and archers. As long as everyone follows the rules, it seems perfectly safe.

In fact, the only rule-breakers we ever see in the Lower Arroyo are the dog walkers who let their dogs go off-leash and a rare biker or two. Mostly, we see people like us who love the Arroyo. Let's keep it the way it is. It's not broken, so don't try to fix it.

Thanks,
Virginia and John Kimball

Stewart, Jana

From: hollymark5@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 12:52 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To the City Council of Pasadena,

I am dismayed and astounded that there is even a possibility of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range being closed. This is a historic range with a perfect safety record and impressive list of individuals who have trained here. It is one of the resources that help distinguish Pasadena as the place to be.

Every Saturday morning there is a huge line of people waiting eagerly for archery instruction. They come from all over and I can say with confidence that many then bring more revenue into the city of Pasadena by staying for lunch after a morning at the range.

To take away this historic archery range would be a huge disservice to the community. Please make sure to preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

Thank you,
Holly Knevelbaard
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Stewart, Jana

From: Kali Knowles <kali.knowles@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 1:02 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Please preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To Whom It May Concern,

As a college graduate moving out to California to pursue a career in the media industry, taking up archery was not atop my list of priorities. I've lived here for nearly 4 years now and I've experienced so many unique and wonderful adventures that this great state has offered. As an avid hiker and naturalist, I was pleasantly surprised with how many opportunities I had to be outdoors and enjoying nature in a what I thought was a primarily urban and developed area.

When I discovered archery I immediately fell in love. I love spending my time outside and in the shade of the oak trees. I love meeting new people who share my passion each week. I love practicing my concentration and improving my strength and skill. I love the sense of community I feel when I see people of all ages coming together to both learn and to teach. The presence of the range doesn't restrict joggers, or dog walkers, or birdwatchers. I seem them every weekend when I'm there and they are part of what I love too -- just being surrounded by people who enjoy and appreciate the outdoors. Nobody has been injured by bow and arrow as safety is everyone's first priority. I honestly can't conjure up a single reason why anyone would find this range to their detriment.

Some of us who frequent the range are children and some of us are retired. We have scientists, construction workers, firefighters and students. Some come from Pasadena and others commute all the way from Orange County. At the end of the day, it's undeniable that the Lower Arroyo Archery Range is bringing people from all walks of life together to unite in one common passion and that is a rare accomplishment worthy of protection. The Lower Arroyo Archery Range is a genuinely unique asset of Pasadena and its loss would be a true misfortune. So please, preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range and in doing so preserve the diversity of outdoor opportunities available to those of us who enjoy them.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kali Knowles

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Arroyo Archery Range Signage?

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Kuehn [<mailto:billkuehn@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 12:05 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Arroyo Archery Range Signage?

To our City Clerk:

My wife and I were again in the Arroyo and walked through the archery area on Sunday. There is still no signage that notifies citizens walking through the Arroyo that the City is about to contract with the PRA on a long term basis keeping walkers, joggers and others out of the West side of the Arroyo. I strongly oppose this development. But I even more am disappointed that the City does not advertise with signage to those who are using the Arroyo that this decision is under consideration. It certainly is not enough to say that it is in the newspapers. Why is it not advertised as any landowners application for a variance is posted on the street in front of the property to anyone walking by?

As I am sure you know, the archery range is not just X number of square feet in the Arroyo; it is the choice wild area in that section of the Arroyo. It is the best section for getting close to nature; we even saw a wild bobcat on the trail next to target #19 and then later walk up the hillside a few hundred yards north. It was nice to see so many archers using the range Sunday; until I realized that it was a large out of city contingent from USC. Why should the citizen's give up their choice parkland so that a largely out of city special interest group can have exclusive access? Why not get them to move to Eaton Canyon where there is a built in area awaiting development?

It would be a sad day were we to lose access to this area, particularly when citizens were not notified in advance. Thank you for your attention.

Bill Kuehn
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billkuehn@earthlink.net

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Andrea Lane [<mailto:andrealane101@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 8:21 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To Whom It May Concern,

I heard about the archery range almost 3 years ago, and having just moved to the Pasadena area July 2014 I looked forward to finally going to the archery range that I had heard so much about. I just went this past Saturday, September 20, 2014 and had a wonderful time. The instructors were wonderful, everything was so organized, and it is a great way for people of all ages and races to come together and have some fun.

I was very disheartened to hear that this archery range is being threatened since I believe it is something that Pasadena can be very proud about having. It has been around since 1935, and I heard about the range prior to my moving to the area which means people talk highly of this archery range. People from all over come to use the range, and actors and actresses have used the range to train for the movies that they are going to be in. I think it is wonderful that it is an outside range as there are not very many that I know of that are around or open to the public.

I know this range sits in the Lower Arroyo Park but it does not in any way interrupt joggers or any other park traffic. I looked at the word "park" and what it means. By definition a park is, "a large public green area in a town, used for recreation." Archery is recreation and I love that this historic archery range is open to the public to come and enjoy.

I fully support this archery range, and I hope that my letter can help preserve this historic archery range and the wonderful non-profit group "Pasadena Roving Archers" that runs the lessons for the public.

Sincerely,
Andrea Lane

Novelo, Lilia

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Save the Archery Range

-----Original Message-----

From: Teri Lane [<mailto:teri.lane@verizon.net>]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2015 7:08 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Save the Archery Range

The archery range is an historic part of Pasadena that should be preserved and protected. Archery is as much a tradition in Pasadena as the Rose Parade, and to threaten the range in any way is to threaten all of the wonderful things that make Pasadena so special. Please ensure that the Pasadena Archery Range is protected for generations to come.

Stewart, Jana

From: Lori Lateer <lorilateer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2014 8:10 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Save the Archery Range

The 'opposition' are making false statements about the range. There are and always have been numerous trails available to walkers, bird watchers. The archery range utilizes very few trails/acres and provides a unique opportunity to our children and our community (and to visitors to our city, which translates to revenue) to enjoy a peaceful sport. Archers, by nature, are preservationists and contribute far more to the Arroyo than they 'take'. There are few areas that an archery range can be placed but many many areas near the range, in our city, and surrounding areas that provide walking trails.

Ernest (daily range user and PRA member) & Lori Lateer
Pasadena residents 40 years

Stewart, Jana

From: Neil Larson <neil@splincon.com>
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2014 3:37 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; 'John Whitaker'
Subject: Archery Range

Dear Council,

I am writing to ask you to vote to preserve the historic archery range located in the Arroyo. Facts show that it presents no danger to the public and is a wonderful addition to the diversity of our City.

Please keep the range open so that my children may have the option to learn a great sport in their own home town.

Respectfully,

Neil Larson
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neil@splincon.com

Stewart, Jana

From: Steve Lee <steve127@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2014 3:59 PM
To: Tornek, Terry
Cc: Bogaard, Bill; city_letters@rovingarchers.com; City_Council
Subject: Lower Arroyo Park

Mr. Tornek,

The proposal coming up in September to renew the operating agreement with Pasadena Roving Archers is coming soon. Our opponents against the archery range will let you believe that the west side of the lower arroyo will be closed off or that we are trying to take over the area as a private group. Please see my below comments about the "Stewards of public lands" website.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions:

Steve Lee
380 E. Glenarm St.
Pasadena, CA 91106

What the Stewards and supports are saying on the website:	What the truth is:
On September 15, the Pasadena City Council will consider an agreement to permanently prohibit walking, jogging, dog-walking, birding and other forms of enjoyment of nature on the West side of the Lower Arroyo.	This statement makes it sound that people aren't allowed to do any of those activities on the west side. Last year in July 20, 2013 you and I both walked those trails and saw many people enjoying the perimeter trails along the west side. Proper trails exist along side the target marks and do not limit access to go from one point to another.
William J. Bedford said: For the sake of ALL Pasadenans, young and old, please do not seriously even consider closing off the west side of the central arroyo to those who like to walk, run or hobble along and through this scenic gem!!	Again... this person believes the west side is closed off or that the new agreement closes the west side off! We are merely trying to renew the agreement to keep the area already designated an archery range.
Let's harness the same energy as we did with saving the trees and ensure that this area is not devoted to an exclusive private use and affords all our citizens a safe environment.	The "exclusive private use" statement is false. We are a non profit organization. We offer free first time classes every Saturday to everyone and tournaments for archery on Sunday are open the public. How is this exclusive and private?
18 acres	The archery range is not 18 acres. The December 3, 2013 Recreation and Parks proposal clearly documents the southern archery range as 7.5 acres and the northern range as 4 acres.

<p>David M Davis said:</p> <p>The City of Pasadena is blessed with a precious amount of open space that presently is accessible for all residents to enjoy. We can not afford to set a precedent by allowing a relatively small special interest group, such as the archers, to place their interests ahead of the general good. Once this is allowed to happen, even once, how will it be possible to deny the next special interest to do the same?</p>	<p>This person believes “general good” is what they believe is “good”. I believe golf courses are a waste of water and we are in a severe drought therefore this sport should be eliminated for the “general good”. We’ll all suffer for their enjoyment of green grasses?</p>
<p>Susan Babcock said:</p> <p>Please allow all users in the Lower Arroyo. Many of us consider it our backyard when we live so close.</p>	<p>This person is so vague in her statement that makes it seem the lower arroyo archery range will not allow other users in the area. It’s actually shows how uninformed these people are.</p>

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Pasadena Roving archers

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan X Lee [<mailto:sue.x.lee@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 11:02 PM

To: City_Council

Subject: Pasadena Roving archers

Dear city council

I am writing to plea with you to rule against the closing of the archery sessions at 415 s arroyo park. It has been the place of so many happy memories through archery lessons. They are a wonderful organization and truly and asset of the town of Pasadena even!

Please do not shut down these honest ppl down. This is one of the few good free things kids and family can enjoy

Susan Lee

Sent from my iPhone

Stewart, Jana

From: Debbie Levy <debbielevy13@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 9:57 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Good morning,

I have to share with you how saddened I am by the actions of the Mayors wife and her group of home owners. The Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range is among the treasures of Pasadena and is proof of the city's commitment to family and healthy living. The Mayor must be appalled by his wife's actions and her willingness to lie to the very people that elected him. This reflects very poorly on the Mayor and the honesty and integrity of his family. I have to believe he is allowing her to continue her bad behavior because he isn't considering running for re-election next term. How could the council even consider taking away such a wonderful facility enjoyed by so many for the selfishness of a few. I have faith you will do the right thing and clearly see the lies as told by the Mayors wife and her group and approve the continuation of the Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range. I know the PRA well and believe me when I say they are very passionate about the archery range and what they voluntarily do for your community.

Thank you for your time.

Debbie

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Arroyo vs archery

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Lilly [<mailto:salilly@icloud.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 12:36 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: mjoms@y@cityofpasadena.net
Subject: Arroyo vs archery

Hon. Pasadena Mayor and City Council,

I know you are busy. This letter supports two points:

1. Move the Arroyo Archers to Eaton Canyon 2. Require a permit for the use of bow and arrows

Please seriously consider moving the Archery club to Eaton Canyon. This is a marvelous solution for archers, joggers in the Arroyo, home owners, walkers, horses, everyone.

I have run and walked for many years in the lower arroyo. Often I would enter at the top or bottom to run up one side and then back down the other side before heading home. It was a lyrical woodland path, with creek and pond, a break from cars and city. Just amazing.

Time passed and the archery shed burned down. A shame I thought. The popularity of bow and arrow grew, bringing more archers to the arroyo. At some point I no longer felt safe on the west side of the wash, and quit running there. This is only a function of too many archers, not a condemnation of the group. The space was getting full.

Moving the archers to Eaton Canyon is such a fine solution. Eaton Canyon is larger and much more rural. It would only be necessary to clearly define the space so the many walkers and hikers and horse back riders could avoid danger. Flying arrows are in deed a real danger to others- the stuff of nightmares.

Do archers need a permit? If not, why not? With permits come responsibility, guidelines for safety, and changes in attitude.

Thank you for thoughtful decision-making.

Sharon A. Lilly
salilly@icloud.com

Sent from my iPad

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Preserve the archery range

-----Original Message-----

From: Rob Lind [<mailto:hrobertlind@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2014 10:27 AM

To: City_Council

Subject: Preserve the archery range

I cannot understand, after the dispelling of falsehoods, misconceptions and disinformation, why you would not want to preserve your historic and unique archery range, an 80 year old establishment.

Member of the Conejo Valley Archers

Sent from my iPad

From: Rebecca Little <auntbecky@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 1:44 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Dear Council Members,

I am asking you not to remove the archery range. This is the only permanent designated-use area for archery in Pasadena. It is wonderful that we have this!

There have been no accidents at his range in its entire 79-year history, and the agreement would NOT “permanently prohibit walking, jogging, dog-walking, birding and other forms of enjoyment of nature on the West side of the Lower Arroyo.” All of these activities are currently allowed on the West side of the Lower Arroyo on existing trails that skirt the perimeter of the archery range. The proposed agreement would do nothing to restrict the use of any of these existing trails.

Please include this email in the agenda packet for the meeting.

Thank you,

Rebecca Little
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