



December 31, 2014

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Members of the City Council:

Re: Pasadena Roving Archers

It has come to our attention that the Pasadena Roving Archers Archery Range is being considered for elimination. Such a decision would be a terrible mistake and a major blow to the residents of Pasadena. The range has been a great benefit to the community for 80 years and has hosted the likes of Errol Flynn, Ephraim Zimbalist Jr, John Wayne, Howard Hill and many other celebrities in its long history.

A vote to close the range would negatively impact thousands of sports enthusiasts that enjoy the programs offered by the Pasadena Roving Archers Club and disestablish handicapped residents of one sport they can participate in. Additionally, it would destroy children's programs that are continually growing at the archery range such as the Junior Olympic Development Program as other ranges are simply not available without traveling great distances. This past year, hundreds of children were able to receive archery lessons who would otherwise be on the couch playing video games or engaging in less healthy activities. Studies show that kids involved in archery have improved grades, concentration and increased attendance in school. The amazing thing about archery is that virtually anyone can participate in the sport. Young or old, all participants can gain the benefits and improved physical fitness this great sport has to offer.

The fact that the archery range is even being considered for closure is due to a private crusade being driven by one person, who wants the acreage for a private walking path. Her misguided attempt to close down the Pasadena Archery Range is for personal benefit. How egregious that someone who is neither an elected official nor an appointee of any City Government Division has such influence or "vote". How could one person's unofficial vote nullify the voice of thousands? The real question you are facing in your upcoming vote is, are you going to close down the archery range for the supposed benefit of one or a handful of people, or let it continue to be open for the benefit of thousands of Pasadena Residents?

I strongly urge you to keep the range open and operating, as well as take the position of helping assist and even help fund the range. The hard working volunteers at the Pasadena Roving Archers Club do an amazing job that gives so much back to your beautiful community.

If you wish to contact me to discuss this pending issue, it would be my pleasure to speak with you. Email: archerydr@esdf.org cell: 310-200-1791.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don".

Don S. Rabska
Vice President, Easton Foundations
2008 Olympic Archery Coach
Chairman, World Archery Technical Committee
Competition Director 1984 Olympic Games

Buchanan, Rita

From: Stewart, Jana
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 10:22 AM
To: Buchanan, Rita
Subject: FW: Archery Range

Rita, for the file...thanks!

Jana Stewart
Office of the Mayor & City Council

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

From: Justin [<mailto:justin.rackham@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 9:49 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Archery Range

Hello,

My name is Justin and I am asking for the preservation of the archery range. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Justin Rackham
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Iraheta, Alba

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

From: mike [mailto:pu238@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2014 11:26 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: preserve the 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 and historical site of the 1938 classic movie *'The Adventure of "Robin Hood"'* movie starting Errol Flynn.

Sincerely,
Armando M. Ramirez

Stewart, Jana

From: Jerry <jeryrig@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 12:29 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Americas best loved archery range.

Hi Pasadena City Council!

I am Emailing you to ask for your help in keeping the archery range in the arroyo as a family destination. For over 50 years the Pasadena Roving Archers have provided the archers of Southern California with a beautiful safe roving archery range to practice their sport that has inspired the youth and retired to the footsteps of Howard Hill and company. The PRA belong to and follow the Direction of the Calif. State Archery Association (CBH/SAA) and the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) There are many untruths being directed towards the Archery Range in the Arroyo that supplies much enjoyment for the residence in Pasadena. If you can get out of your office or golf course on an early Saturday Morning and visit the Pasadena Archery Roving Range you will see a host of our youth and seniors safely enjoying the great outdoors and ARCHERY under the guidance of the Pasadena Roving Archers.!

.....from the "Hart"
jeryrig@sbcglobal.net

Jomsky, Mark

From: Loren Roberts <loren@hearkencreative.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:22 AM
To: McAustin, Margaret
Cc: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: District 2 resident: please support the Pasadena Roving Archers

Ms. McAustin:

Below you can see my e-mail from one year ago, so I will not go into much detail.

Once again, I request your support for one of the most lovely and educational sports programs in Pasadena — the Pasadena Roving Archers.

Unfortunately, the "Stewards of Public Land" group has spread so many half-truths and complete fabrications as to be laughable...if not for the influential people who back the group.

- The sport of archery is not dangerous when practiced safely. Safety is one of the top priorities of the instructors that I have met in the Lower Arroyo.
- The archery range is not "devoted to an exclusive private use" as the "Stewards" claim. The archery range is a designated-use area for a specific purpose, just like other City facilities such as Brookside Golf Course, the casting pond, tennis courts, basketball courts, Hahamongna Frisbee golf course, and the lawn bowling field.
- The size of the archery range is not 18 acres as the "Stewards" claim. And the City proposal is not asking for an expansion -- as they claim.
- ...and the list goes on. These unfortunate statements are an offense to us parents who have entrusted our children to the class and dedication of a wonderful group of people at Pasadena Roving Archers.

I'm not famous, or rich, and I don't live in the Arroyo. I do live in District Two (right behind Longfellow Elementary), and I own a business that operates in Pasadena (right around the corner from City Hall), and many of my marketing/advertising clients are Pasadena businesses. I believe strongly that the "Stewards of Public Land" mistruths are an attempt to remove the "unwants" from the Lower Arroyo, and that goes against all decency and community sentiment that I can imagine, and against the spirit of Pasadena in general — a city that has a unique and wonderful mix of colors and economic backgrounds.

Please continue to lend your support to the Pasadena Roving Archers and the City's proposal for the use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

Thanks as always.

Cheers,
Loren A. Roberts
Pasadena resident and business owner

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From: Loren Roberts <loren@hearkencreative.com>
Date: Sunday, September 15, 2013 6:14 PM

To: "mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net" <mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net>

Cc: "bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net" <bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net>, "mlmorales@cityofpasadena.net" <mlmorales@cityofpasadena.net>

Subject: District 2 resident: please support the Pasadena Roving Archers

Ms. McAustin:

Hello; I have written to you before. My name is Loren Roberts, and I live in the Historic Highlands, and work about a block away from Pasadena City Hall. Previously I wrote to you in support of the Pasadena Roving Archers' continued use of the Lower Arroyo Range (2011-2012), as well as asking for support in All Saint's proposal to modernize their campus (April 2012).

I am asking once again that you support the Pasadena Roving Archers and the full-time use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

As a resident (of District 2) and business owner in Pasadena, I believe that opening the parks to as many different groups as possible brings business to Pasadena. The parks cannot be closed off and only used by residents or individuals. **The parks need to be used.**

Furthermore, my daughter (now age 10 — began archery when she was 8) has taken the children's archery classes in the Lower Arroyo, and I can think of **no better use of public space than for a full-time, dedicated archery range**. She only wishes she could spend more time in the Arroyo with her instructors — school and other extracurriculars get in the way. Again, the diversity of services, people groups, educational opportunities, and the like, are what originally drew me to relocate my family and my business to Pasadena, and it would sadden me if those opportunities were taken away by a small, elite group of people who wish to drive these activities out. As someone who pays both property taxes and city business taxes, I would like to see my tax money used to make Pasadena *more* inviting for groups like Pasadena Roving Archers, not *less*.

Finally, I can think of no better association than the **Pasadena Roving Archers to partner with the City in directing the continued full-time use of the archery range**. The group provides a safe, fun, and educational experience for young and old, and their dedication and service reflect wonderfully on the Pasadena community.

Please lend your support to the Pasadena Roving Archers and the City's proposal for the use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range, and to push forward with maintaining and improving the current range for the enjoyment and education of all.

Thank you for your time. If you ever wish to sit down and chat with me, my office is next to City Hall — I'll buy you lunch at Euro Pane.

Cheers,
Loren

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Loren A. Roberts
Hearken Creative

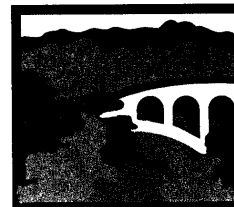
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SAN RAFAEL
NEIGHBORHOODS ASSOCIATION

September 4, 2014

Via E-Mail and Hand Delivery

Mayor Bill Bogaard and Pasadena City Council

RE: SUPPORT – ROVING ARCHERS PROPOSAL

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers:

The Board of the San Rafael Neighborhoods Association (SRNA) voted unanimously last evening (September 3, 2014) in support of the city's proposed renegotiated license and operating agreement and updated deal points (February 4, 2014 - Recreation and Parks Commission) allowing for continued presence of the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) in the Lower Arroyo.

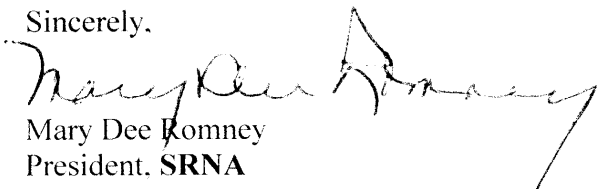
SRNA has a record of restraint and due diligence in this matter.

SRNA met with the PRA nearly one year ago (September 11, 2013) during a publicly noticed general meeting. We inspected the site on numerous occasions, spoke with neighbors, archers on the range and families pleased to have access to Pasadena's unique environs. We also heard testimony from opponents appearing before council and debated arguments presented on blogs and websites.

We conclude those minor impacts to the Lower Arroyo and neighbors (already scrutinized during the carefully deliberated Lower Arroyo Master Plan process) are of slim significance when compared to unique benefits accruing to the city in continuing to support the historic home site of the Pasadena Roving Archers field archery range.

We endorse council action to this effect.

Sincerely,



Mary Dee Romney
President, SRNA

cc: SRNA Board Members
City Manager
City Clerk
PRA

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PASADENA, CA 91109
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Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Archery

From: Micah Roth [<mailto:micahbroth@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2014 6:45 AM

To: City_Council

Subject: Archery

You're got to be kidding... You're considering reducing the archery range? Its constantly packed with families and friends going out into nature . Its literally an hour long line as it is in Saturday morning. People love the range, it would be a miserable mistake to reduce it. Check for yourself if you consider yourself a statesman. Go there next Saturday and see how popular it is.

Micah

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery Range_Please include in Meeting Packet

From: Russell Rucker [mailto:rrucker97@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 11:00 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Archery Range_Please include in Meeting Packet

Hello Pasadena City Council,

I am writing a letter myself to urge you to vote and pass the current contract for the archery range to continue unchanged.

I am particularly concerned about what you may have heard from the opposition to the archery range and the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA).

The Stewards have already stated on their website the following is their goal. *“The ultimate objective needs to be the removal of archery from the Lower Arroyo...”*
Their words show their true intent and, any discussions with them about “sharing” the area are disingenuous at best.





Please consider the following plain simple facts.

1) *The PRA wants “exclusive” use of the range.*

Another ridiculous claim by the Stewards to inflame the issue and make it look like the archers are trying to close the park off to others. We all know this to be completely untrue. The PRA has never attempted to gain control of the archery range. In fact the PRA services the public at the range every weekend for over two decades! This fact the Stewards hope you do not think of during the meeting Monday.

2) *The archery uses up almost half of the arroyo park.*

False again. Just look at the map below. The blue area is the range. Even including the yellow “temporary” area It is STILL not near “almost half” of the lower arroyo.

Legend	
	Park boundary
	Hiking Trails
	Southern Archery Range
	Northern Archery Range

Southern Archery Range (7.5 acres) – full-time archery

Northern Archery Range (4 a – archery use less than 8 hou per month

Extent of Lower Arroyo Park

CITY OF PASADENA
PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION
LOWER ARROYO MASTER PLAN
One of the Arroyo Seco Master Plans



Why do the Stewards use inflammatory language like this to gain their “ultimate goal” ? I believe they do it to incite hysteria and panic in the local residents to get their support.

When you look over the people attending the meeting and see the opposition to the archery range please remember the kind of language the Stewards use and the false implications it represents.

It is the PRA that has been servicing the PUBLIC for decades and give back the City Of Pasadena with their volunteer time and with the funds we collect and share with the city.

Thank you for reading this.
Russell Rucker
Pasadena California

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery Range_Support from all over California

From: Russell Rucker [<mailto:rrucker97@att.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 9:50 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Archery Range_Support from all over California

Hello City Council and City Clerk,

Note:

Please include this personal letter the agenda packet for the meeting on Monday

Subject:

Monday City council meeting concerning the archery range. The issue of the archery range in Pasadena is gaining notoriety in far away places. This letter from Norther California.

Dear Pasadena City Council Members:

I am writing in support of maintaining open access to the Pasadena City archery range in the Arroyo park. Every time I visit my brother who lives in Pasadena, we make it a point to stop by the range. My niece and brother both participate in the archery program and have enjoyed it and benefited from it immensely. It is a wonderful family oriented activity, rich with history, and a unique sport where proficiency is attainable regardless of sex or age. I have also been impressed by the high quality sportsmanship that the Pasadena City instructors impart to their pupils ... something that seems rare these days in many sports where the ethic seems to be win at all cost and the badder the better.

As an outsider, I fail to understand objections to the program. In the many times I have visited the range, I have observed only the best behavior by the program participants. And the park area is so vast in relation to the space periodically occupied by the range users, certainly there can be no objection in terms of the amount of space or area being utilized. There are far more cyclists, runners, picnic parties, etc.

Finally, it seems to me that use of the park area must also bring additional business to nearby restaurants and merchants. I know when I visit the area, we almost always go up to Russell's or another restaurant for breakfast and then enjoy strolling through the nearby shops and businesses.

I understand there is a movement that at its worst would eliminate the program and access to this historic and beautiful location all together and at its best would restrict access to a privileged few. In my opinion that would be an enormous loss for the City and would foolishly destroy a program that teaches "all the right stuff." I urge you to maintain and even expand the archery program in its current location.

Flavia Muttera
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: ARCHERY RANGE_OPPOSITION FALSEHOODS

From: Russell Rucker [mailto:rrucker97@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:37 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: ARCHERY RANGE_OPPOSITION FALSEHOODS

Hello,

By now you have been in receipt of many letters of concern about the archery range issue.

The STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC LAND have a website up that has many substantial claims about the archery range that are Baseless and completely false. Most are there to create hysteria over the issue and gain support for their views.

ONE: “The hotly contested debate over the use of approximately one half of the Lower Arroyo”
They have put up claims that the archery range is almost half of the lower arroyo park when it is not near that large.

This is simple to see on a map because the archery range is so small compared to the total of the lower arroyo. I reference a City Of Pasadena map so there is a competent source of measurement.

TWO: “The Pasadena Police Department agrees that the current situation is dangerous.”
The Pasadena Police Department has NEVER made such a statement or even an implication that the archery range is dangerous. This clam is absurd because the Pasadena Police Department has already testified at City Council/Park Commission meetings supporting the archery range and they say in their report to the city the situation is safe and well controlled.

THREE: “one half of the Lower Arroyo for the exclusive use of a private club, the Pasadena Roving Archers,”
Completely false! They know this because at every City Council and Parks Commission the PRA has stated they do not want exclusive use of the range and that the range must be open to the public. This has always been the position of the PRA.

**The so called stewards of the public land are simply shameless in their falsehoods and are willing to lie publicly to you, the City Council to get their way.
Please be careful not to fall into this hysteria and please approve the contract as it is worded now.**

Thank you,
Russell Rucker
Pasadena CA 91104

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery range

From: Russell Rucker [mailto:rrucker97@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2015 4:50 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Archery range

Hello City Council,

I found this review about the archery range and, I thought you need to see it too.

Please think about what we have to loose by limiting/restricting the archery range and the fact the archery range does not impede any of the other activities in the lower arroyo park.

Walkers can walk the entire length of the archery range on the trail provided and, they can sit at the many nice benches available and watch the archers.

Dog walkers can do the same. Runners can also use that trail and the main large trail along the wash. The archery range is on its own area and does not block off access to any other part of the park.

The opposition to the range has come up with all kinds of hysteria about the archers and the land used for the range and it all falls flat when looked at carefully.

None of the archers want anything more than to continue as they have for the past 80 years. Safely, kindly, and without any trouble to the city. I do not think we can say that about the dog walkers.

These people that so selfishly want to invade the archery area ARE impeding the activity of others by limiting and restricting what they do. The archers only want to be left alone.

Please vote to preserve rather than destroy what is there now. Please do not vote to restrict and limit what is now a well run area of the park.

Thank you,
Russell Rucker
91104

Note the below YELP review is also from a Pasadena resident.

Cindy n.
Pasadena, CA
↓ 0 friends
★ 5 reviews



1/10/2015

What a treasure to have archery available right here in Pasadena's beautiful arroyo. My children had their first lesson (free) and all of the instructors were kind, patient, encouraging, and fun. If I had known of this when I was younger, I would have begged my parents to take me. Hopefully, City Council won't ruin this unique opportunity for everyone.

Novelo, Lilia

From: Russell Rucker <rrucker97@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Archery Range_PRESERVE!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear City Council members,

As a resident I am strongly in favor of preserving the historic archery range in Pasadena. I feel it is very selfish that a few connected individuals want to close and /or restrict the activities of this wonderful resource we have in Pasadena. Please think before voting about what exactly is it we GAIN by limiting the archery range? Are there not enough dog parks? Are there not enough MILES of walking trails ?

*Since the late 1970s, the history of archery in the Lower Arroyo has been one of **consolidation**, not expansion. First the PTA range was closed and its memberships were transferred to PRA. Approximately ten years later, the Sagittarius club also folded, and PRA absorbed many of its members and activities. Even though the Sagittarius range (northern range) was not closed at that time, as of the 2003 adoption of the Lower Arroyo Master Plan (LAMP), archery has only been permitted on the Sagittarius range for PRA events on a maximum of 13 Sundays per year. Today, all three archery sports take place regularly within the historic Field Archery Range (southern range). Archery activities that once spread over more than 20 acres on both sides of the channel have now been consolidated into a little less than 10 acres within the confines of the Field Archery Range*

Extremely selfish are these people that want to close facilities in the lower arroyo just because they do not participate in the activity!

Russell Rucker
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rrucker97@att.net

From: Russell Rucker <rrucker97@att.net>
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 10:10 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Archery Range Vote

The archery range is NOT the only facility on the target list by a small politically connected group calling themselves “the stewards of public land”.

The ultimate goal of this group is to eliminate ALL activities from the lower arroyo and to seclude the park from the general public.

This small group of people have listed these organizations and entities as: “Part of the problem”

As stated on their own website :

“That a more thoughtful approach would have been to locate these facilities outside of park land”.

These facilities were listed on their website until recently as they have taken the entire website down and revised it. But too late! They were caught with their true intentions blatantly listed on their website.

The Aquatic Center
The Children’s Space Museum
The Senior Center
The Archery range
The Casting Pond
The Hoarse Stables
The Pintesca Branch Library
The Pasadena Art Museum
And other fabulous public facilities.

These individuals are decimating completely false and hysterical information to rally people that are not familiar with the fight to save the archery range and keeping the lower arroyo open to all people that want to use it.

The closure of the archery range is the first step in a far reaching attempt to clear the lower arroyo of all out of the area users.

If you believe that we should not restrict — close — seclude — eliminate or decrease public facilities in Pasadena vote to preserve the archery range as it stands today.

Vote NO to decrease in the range and STOP the selfish land grab by the few land owners trying to close the archery range.

listen to the recommendations of the parks commission and approve the contract without the restrictive language and monday-friday closing proposal inserted into the contract recently!

I ask you to please align yourself with the people of Pasadena that want to preserve our wonderful assets, not restrict - close - seclude - diminish them !

Thank you,
Russell Rucker
Pasadena 91104

Stewart, Jana

From: Russell Rucker <rrucker97@att.net>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 10:18 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Preservation of Pasadena Unique Facilities

Hello and thank you for opening my email,

I want to help set the record straight and support the preservation of the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

This open land has been an archery range for almost 80 years now and there has been no reason to change that condition.

The opponents to the range have been decimating FALSE information for along time hoping that you will begin to take it as fact.

Please allow me to show you the truth. Not an opinion but simple fact.

1) The Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) maintain the range and use it for 14 hours per week to provide inexpensive archery instruction **to the public** and to conduct archery tournaments – **which are also open to the public**. There is no exclusive use of the public land. The PRA has never sought to have this land closed to the public, ever!

2) The size of the archery range **is not** 18 acres – **and there is no plan to increase the current size of the range**. According to Pasadena Public Works , the Southern range is approximately 7.5 acres. The northern range is about 4 acres and is only used during official public tournaments. So “sometimes” the range can be up to 11.5 acres but, it is never 18 as the people who are trying to close the range completely are stating on their website.

3) It's important to assess safety based on facts rather than perception. The fact is, there has never been an archery accident at this range in its entire 79-year history.


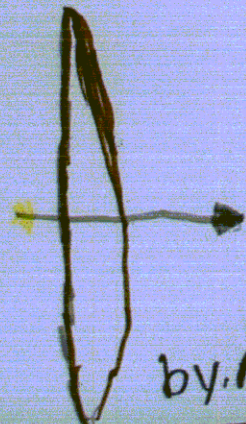
*“archery is one of the safest sports, with an injury rate of less than one incident per 1,000 participants, in 2004 (Table 1). Recreational activities like golf and fishing have an injury rate of up to 1.5 to 2 times the rate for archery (Figure 1). Common sports like soccer, baseball and basketball have injury rates 15 to 25 times that of archery“ **

Three simple facts the people trying to close the archery range do not want you to believe.

Thank you,
Russell Rucker

*Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks commission

I Love Archery
by Andre D.



Andre and Joshua Saro
3579 Foothill Blvd. #394
Pasadena 91107
District 4

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CITY CLERK



Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo

From: Pam Shuman [<mailto:shumanpam@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:33 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Lower Arroyo

Please limit the use of Archery at the lower Arroyo. I enjoy the area as a nature preserve.
Thank you,
Pam Shuman

Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Archery range

From: Gmail [<mailto:cfsimkins@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 2:43 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Archery range

Hi

When obvious facts are distorted and a groups stated objective has no factual or logical basis, it's best to then look for an ulterior motive. What is the groups agenda for opposing the renewal of land that has been safely used for 79 years?

In any event, hopefully this wonderful public service won't be impacted by this groups hidden agenda. There's no facts and no basis to reconsider the land lease for its present purposes.

I also routinely jog along the path in question and have never felt impacted in the slightest bit. To the contrary, it adds to the atmosphere of health and the beautiful outdoors.

Thank You
Clyde Simkins
585 N Garfield #1
91101

Sent from my iPad

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery range.....

From: alancharlessimpson [<mailto:alancharlessimpson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 11:24 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Archery range.....

Please don't take risk with life! Sooner or later someone will be hurt or killed, please don't wait till then act now!

Stewart, Jana

From: Charlene Simpson <charliqua@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2014 8:16 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Greetings,

Please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

The people who want to take away a range that has been there for almost 80 years are being unreasonable. They have plenty of other land on which to walk; and if you are going to take away this range, then you will have to start taking away the golf courses, tennis courts, basketball courts, frisbee golf courts, bowling lawns, etc.

As a member of the public, these people who want to hoard the land for themselves are welcome to come use the the archery range for archery. They are not prevented from enjoying the land. In fact if they come on Saturday mornings it's free!

Here are some other valid points from the Pasadena Rovers' website that I believe are valid and worth considering:

- 1)The archery range **is not** "devoted to an exclusive private use." It is available for *public* use for archery.
- 2)The size of the archery range **is not** 18 acres – and there is no plan to increase the current size of the range. According to Pasadena Public Works, the Southern range is approximately 7.5 acres. This is the only permanent designated-use area for archery in Pasadena. An adjacent Northern range occupying approximately 4 acres is a general-use area currently used for archery less than 8 hours per month with temporary targets; at all other times the Northern range area is available for hiking and other passive recreation uses.
- 3)The agreement under consideration by the Council **does 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.
- 4)The "lovely trail" pictured on the Stewards of Public Land web site is actually a target maintenance path that crosses shooting lanes **inside** the boundaries of the archery range. It's already illegal for anyone (archers and non-archers alike) to walk between archers and targets. Currently some pedestrians use this path as a shortcut through the range instead of staying on the City-maintained trail outside the archery range. The proposal before the council aims to delineate the boundaries of the range more clearly in order to prevent inadvertent pedestrian intrusions into the range that compromise safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlene Simpson
Malibu CA

Novelo, Lilia

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Arroyo Archery range

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

From: Syd Smith [<mailto:syd.smith@parkerandmorgan.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 10:24 AM

To: City_Council

Subject: Arroyo Archery range

Please count me among the Pasadena residents (and business owners) who support the archery range remaining in use. I am also a cub scout den leader and cherish the safe and constructive use of land as well as the community that is committed to sharing the activity with kids

Syd Smith

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Buchanan, Rita

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: For Public records

Dear Council members.

I have been a traditional archer since 1965. And have traveled to and used the wonderful Pasadena range since that time.

I believe this Oldest Archery Range in the country has made a great difference to not only myself...but to so many kids growing up.

The foundation of archery teaches the youth that there is much more in life than just video games. It is a chance for Single mothers to bring their kids and get true mentorship through the programs offered their. I know this first hand...as I grew up with a single mother...and archery and the mentors of archery have led me on a straight path.

How anyone could even think of restricting the long history of the Pasadena Archery range is beyond any reason imaginable .

With the greatest respect..... I urge the council members to NOT listen to ravings of a few Extremist..who have not taken into consideration the value that archery has donated to children, to the community of enthusiast who enjoy the simple flight of the arrow, and to the very history of Pasadena itself.

Victor Smith
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Stewart, Jana

From: Mary Spellerberg <maryspellerberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 07, 2014 11:36 AM
To: City_Council
Subject: Preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Dear Pasadena City Council,

Greetings! I am writing in support to preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range. My son has been taking classes there since the beginning of the year. He is particular about what sports he likes to enjoy and this is one of his favorites. I would hate to have to drive a long way for him to enjoy archery. It is great to have it in our backyard. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,
Mary

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Robert Stulberg <rstulberg@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 4:55 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Gentlepersons,

I am writing to urge you not to close the Lower Arroyo Archery Range in Pasadena. The Range has a rich historic tradition in Pasadena, and it serves the useful purpose of enabling people of all ages to participate in this time-honored sport. As an adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America, I have had the pleasure of working with the Pasadena Roving Archers, who have provided archery instruction to boys in our Troop. It is a good, good organization, and the Lower Arroyo Range is its home. I am not a member, but I am a supporter.

I feel strongly about the value of archery. It is a sport that one can excel in regardless of gender, age, or physical size. It teaches the development of patience and inner quiet. It builds self-esteem and a sense of mastery. It is affordable for the average person, requiring little equipment and the simplest of facilities (i.e., open space and a haystack).

I have been shooting archery since I was a boy, and I'm sad to see this sport become increasingly hard to participate in. The Lower Arroyo Range is one of the few archery facilities still open to the public in the Southland. It would be a terrible shame to see it closed.

Therefore, I respectfully request your help in keeping the Lower Arroyo Archery Range open now and for the future. If you make that one small commitment -- not closing it -- I know that the Pasadena Roving Archers will do the rest that is necessary to ensure that archery remains a vibrant sport in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Robert L. Stulberg

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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo archery range

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

From: Yahoos [<mailto:suttter@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 10:22 AM
To: City_Council; Jason Sutter
Subject: Lower Arroyo archery range

Dear council member,

I am writing as It has been brought to my attention that there has been recent opposition towards the lower Arroyo archery range, this wonderful 80 year institution. I am a recent attendee back for my 4th Saturday and soon to apply for my membership of the roving archers club. I was pleased to discover the wonderful social opportunity of the free beginning archery class as I have participating in this enlightening sport since I was a child shooting target with my father. It is hard to imagine that there could be any real conflict or detriment to the locals or the community after educating oneself with the details of this recent supposed "conflict". I am a 45 year old tax payer in Los Angeles county and 12 year home owner in North Hollywood and plan on attending this wonderful range for years to come. At a time where there should be more community and social activities offered in our society it is a breath of fresh air to see so many people coming out and taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity and enjoying themselves. I urge you to do the right thing, weigh out the true facts, and support the lower arroyo archery range so that it may be a positive feather in the cap of the community for years to come! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Jason Sutter
818 481 8475
Sent from my iPhone

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Preservation of Pasadena's historic archery range

Dear Ms. McAustin,

I am a resident of Pasadena, and a casual archer. I am also an avid hiker and dog owner. I have enjoyed membership with Pasadena Roving Archers when we were living in San Marino, and my boys expressed interest from their Boy Scout experience. I or my family members (wife, 2 boys and a daughter) routinely use this public space at least several times each month. We have sometimes taken friends and relatives down to the range to teach archery basics with beginner Genesis bows, including safety and range etiquette. As a result, one of my boys (Matt, now 20) has become an avid outdoorsman. He often takes his friends (many of whom have not had outdoor experiences) on early morning expeditions into the San Gabriel mountains, teaching them basic wilderness safety skills (both boys are skilled backpackers) as they bow hunt for deer. Regardless of your personal stand on hunting, the fact that Matt is showing other young men safe, mindful, outdoor life that they would never have experienced otherwise, is laudable. I firmly believe that the proximity, easy access and quality of the Arroyo archery range encouraged Matt and his friends to pursue these ventures.

In my opinion, the current use of natural space with trails and archery lanes in the Arroyo is an excellent example of balance for multiple community uses, and preservation of the wilderness area itself. The hiking/jogging trail is well marked, as are signs that mark the range locations, and potential dangers. During my morning visits during the week, the pedestrian traffic is quite low, and some days I can be shooting for several hours without anyone passing by. I will occasionally have a dog walker come by with their dog off-lead. Even though I find this behavior inappropriate in any hiking environment (I never take my dogs off-lead in a public area), I do understand and am watchful for this potential hazard. I occasionally speak to someone who is interested in knowing more about the sport, and are pleased to find out about the introductory class given on Saturday mornings (which is an excellent first date, by the way). I will occasionally run across an archer who is not a member of PRA (usually someone from out of the area or has just moved to Pasadena), and they have been unanimously thankful for the information, and are genuinely interested in joining.

I also believe that use of this area for archery is an excellent conservation measure. Unlike other archery ranges which tend to be large open park areas (El Dorado Park, for example), the wooded areas between and beyond the range are filled with natural habitat. If the ranges were abandoned, and at some future date additional nature pathways were developed, natural habitat would be removed, and in my opinion, the natural ecosystem in the area would suffer. In fact, the archery lanes help support the natural environment by discouraging encroachment. The existing paths are constructed in a way that allow the non-shooting public to enjoy the wilderness without encroaching (and potentially damaging) the native environment. Archers rarely egress beyond the lanes, and responsible archers (e.g. members of Pasadena Roving Archers) do not destroy natural habitat in search of the occasional arrow that misses the mark.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the Pasadena Roving Archers. I am grateful to this public service organization the quality and integrity of their stewardship over the years of this important natural habitat. Their public outreach through Saturday activities, and the safe environment that they have established for both archers and non-archers demonstrate what I consider to be an excellent role model for city/non-profit partnerships.

Sincerely,

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Buchanan, Rita

From: Morales, Margo
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:35 PM
To: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Pasadena Roving Archers

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From: Mark Tamny [<mailto:mtcutet@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:22 PM
To: Morales, Margo
Subject: Pasadena Roving Archers

Dear Council Member McAustin:

I am writing you to express my family's most enthusiastic and heartfelt support of Pasadena Roving Archers, and to encourage you and the City of Pasadena to continue its support of this valuable organization and their presence at Lower Arroyo Seco Park.

The Pasadena Roving Archers with its caring and knowledgeable instructors and its community of archers have had an incredibly positive impact on Ella, my eleven year old daughter. Last year was a difficult time for our family with my mother in law's illness and eventual passing from pancreatic cancer as well as our need to care for my father in law who has Alzheimer's. These issues took a tremendous toll on all of us, especially Ella. It required our family having to move which then meant starting a new school and making new friends for Ella while coping with sadness and challenging situations at home. Unfortunately, one of Ella's greatness strength, her empathy, perhaps made matters more difficult for her where seeing her family's sadness added to her own struggles. I could see her optimism and positive spirit fade then.

Now, we feel tremendously thankful that the Pasadena Roving Archers has come into her life. From the moment she received an enthusiastic greeting from Jim MacQuarrie, the head instructor/coach of the club's youth program when she took their introductory course, her spirits have been lifted. Without a doubt, the club's instructors are professional, well skilled, and highly focused on safety; and, just as important, they provide students with encouragement and feedback that is always positive. As a parent, their program offers everything that one could hope for – strong instruction, a safe environment, an opportunity to make friends, positive role models, an outdoor experience that requires athletic/physical skill, mental coordination and concentration. Since the first time she used a bow & arrow, Ella's confidence level has skyrocketed! I think that I'll always remember how incredibly happy Ella was after her first class as she described how much fun it was, how nice everyone was, how she couldn't wait to come back the following week, and how she wanted me and my husband to start archery too! She was literally jumping for joy and practically walking on air as she shared her excitement with me as we walked the Lower Arroyo Trail after class. Honestly, I couldn't remember