

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Support for Pasadena Roving Archers

From: "cpolanskey@earthlink.net" <cpolanskey@earthlink.net>
Date: January 30, 2015, 9:34:32 PM PST
To: <City_Council@cityofpasadena.net>, <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.city>, "Margaret McAustin" <ssoto@cityofpasadena.net>
Cc: <city_letters@rovingarchers.com>
Subject: Support for Pasadena Roving Archers
Reply-To: "cpolanskey@earthlink.net" <cpolanskey@earthlink.net>

We have learned that there is a vote at City Council on Feb 2, 2015 regarding the Pasadena Roving Archers. We strongly support allowing the Roving Archers to continue using this land in the arroyo for this activity that has been there for decades. Our family has personally taken the Saturday class there and one year they hosted our daughter's birthday party. The girls learned archery once a year in girl scout camp, but there was no where else for them to practice when they weren't at camp. I was so impressed with their safety precautions and the level of instruction. The fees are very modest allowing anyone in the city to be able to participate. It was literally the least expensive birthday party we have ever had. We also found that the area was well-marked to protect others in the area who might not know about the activities.

I frankly do not understand how anyone could object to allowing this activity to continue in the arroyo. It seems to be perfectly in line with the types of activities that are well suited for wide open, natural spaces.

We urge you to allow them to continue practicing their tradition in the arroyo.

Best regards,
Carol Polanskey
John Martin Ratliff
1189 N. Wilson Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91104
Bungalow Heaven

From: Bill Rakow <brakow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 9:22 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: Archery Range

We have lived across the street from the driveway entrance to the archery range in the arroyo for over 13 years. Slowly over that time the participation in the arroyo, especially on Saturdays has increased at least five fold. The parking lot in the arroyo is full and parking along Arroyo Blvd. for two blocks, Norwood St. and wrapping around onto California Terrace for over a block on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. until around 3:00. We have walked around many times checking out these cars, and I would suspect by things on license plates, stickers, decals, etc. that over half of these archers are not residents of Pasadena. I believe with the success of the Hunger Games movies that there has been an uptick in interest in general archery that has led to the increased traffic in the arroyo.

There are many other uses of the arroyo for residents of Pasadena, hiking, running, walking, fly fishing, etc., and I believe that there should be restrictions to any increased usage of space by the archers, and some kind of monitoring of non resident use of the facilities. The issue of increased traffic and parking on the streets near the entrance to the arroyo is not any different than the traffic and noise issues of residents surrounding the Rose Bowl, except that it is happening every week.

Please stop any ideas of increased use by the archers and consider limiting usage to Pasadena residents to cut down on parking issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Bill and Christy Rakow
418 South Arroyo Blvd.

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Use of Lower Arroyo by Archery club

From: tammiandjim@aol.com [mailto:tammiandjim@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 7:27 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Use of Lower Arroyo by Archery club

I am a long time resident of Pasadena and am very concerned about the unsafe situation in the Lower Arroyo. In the past I walked there and walked my dog there. However a large group of archers have taken over a large area down there. Is the city aware of how unsafe it has become? They use high powered bows and shoot near people and pets. They act like it is their private shooting range.

Please arrange for this archery group to practice in another location! Away from a popular walking path. In a safer place. So we can go back to walking in the Lower Arroyo! Without fear for our safety.

Thank you
Tammi Reed

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery on the Arroyo

From: alix reeves [mailto:alixreeves@Earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 6:19 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Claire Bogaard
Subject: Re: Archery on the Arroyo

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

This is an appeal to you and the city council regarding the use of the Arroyo by the Archery Range.

We ask that safety and fairness be considered when establishing the use of the Archery Range. It's been a long standing problem that should be addressed with the peace and safety of residents living near the site first.

The solutions below, offered by Mrs. Claire Bogaard, are reasonable and address vital problems:

- * 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.

As a resident who enjoys the Arroyo, my hope is a solution can be found that will benefit all parties involved.

Regards,

Alix Reeves

E.J. Remson
375 Anita Dr.
Pasadena, CA 91105

February 1, 2015

VIA EMAIL

Mayor and City Council
City of Pasadena

RE: Archery Range Lower Arroyo – City Council Hearing

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I live a few blocks west of the lower Arroyo Seco and my wife and I have enjoyed years of walking and taking in nature in the area. Unfortunately, in recent years much of the area where one can do these things has been off limits to citizens like us. The archery range has been expanded and signs and makeshift barriers have erected to prevent anyone other than archers from entering the area.

I do not think it is fair to have a small private group control so much of our parkland. This area should at least be shared with our non-archer citizens. Certainly a fair method to share the area can be created and implemented. One idea might be to prohibit archery on odd days but allow it on even days.

Our city is growing in population and open space is in great demand. Please open the archery area for all citizens to enjoy.

Sincerely,



E. J. Remson

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Iraheta, Alba

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

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Brent Richter <richter.brent@yahoo.com>
To: "cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net" <cityclerk@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 8:47 PM
Subject: Pasenda Roving Archers

To whom it may concern

I am aware of the issues in front of the city council regarding use of the archery range

I have visited the range for the last thirty years

-and-

it would be frightful to lose the opportunity to enjoy the sport of archery there again

You all need to consider all the history, including

- 1) the long safety record
- 2) the positive influence to Pasenda citizens in the public outreach program
- 3) The legacy and historical history (I heard it is the oldest in US (some 80 years)
- 4) The 21 shoot

Thank you all for keeping the range open in advance

Brent Richter
USAA Level 4 Olympic Archery Coach
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805.501.6251

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Please don't close the range

From: mymichelle04@gmail.com [<mailto:mymichelle04@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Michelle Risucci
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 12:36 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please don't close the range

Good afternoon,

My name is Michelle and my son has just recently started taking lessons at the Pasadena Roving Archery Range. I am writing this letter because I feel it is important to keep places like this open and available for the public to use. In the last six months we have been using the facility we have never once experienced anything that would jeopardize the safety of any persons. My son is only ten years of age and I wouldn't be taking him there if it was unsafe.

My son is also high functioning autistic. Archery is something he finally enjoys doing and it is teaching him how to quiet his mind and focus. It is also good for him because it gets him outdoors and away from normal city life. I really hope that you will take into consideration that this is a positive environment for young children. There aren't many places like this anymore, and it is in my opinion that places like the Pasadena Roving Archery Range be allowed to stay in their current location.

Thank you for your your time,
Michelle Risucci

Novelo, Lilia

From: Joshua Rubin <josh@joshrubin.net>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; City_Council; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I request that you recuse yourself from the portion of Monday, February 2nd's City Council meeting pertaining to the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. Because your wife, Claire Bogaard is a founding board member of the "Stewards of Public Land", the group which opposes the archery range. This presents a clear conflict of interest.

Sincerely,
Joshua Rubin

South Pasadena, CA

From: schenck@charter.net
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: archery

I am 100% opposed to allowing the archery group use the arroyo and 100% in approval of the Club finding a safer and less intrusive venue.

Reid Schenck

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery Range

From: Eugene Schwer <eugeneschwer@att.net>
Date: January 30, 2015, 7:27:55 PM PST
To: "[City Council@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:City_Council@cityofpasadena.net)" <City_Council@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Archery Range
Reply-To: Eugene Schwer <eugeneschwer@att.net>

Dear City Council Members. I'm a archery coach at the V A Hospital where the program is used as therapy for our service men and women in helping them to adjust to civilian life while engaged in keeping our freedoms we have today. I support keeping open the range in your city as I have seen the impact it does for the veterans here at the hospital in helping them. I have instructed hundreds of children and adults in archery and not have any accident in the six years of instructing as a coach or seen an accident in all the thirty years as a archer. The Pasadena Archery Program does nothing but bring out the best for our young children and adults in teaching them confidence in themselves and creating short and long term goals along with the out door experience of archery.. It would be a big mistake to close out the range where so many enjoy the safety and instruction of the sport. We at the Veterans Hospital Archery program support the Pasadena Archery Club and ask that it will remain open to continue it's good work..

Respectfully

Yours,
Schwer

Eugene

NTS USA Archery Coach

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Presentation to Council
Attachments: REPORT TO PASADENA CITY COUNCIL RE ARCHERY.docx

Mark:

Would you please be kind enough to include the following or the attached in tomorrow's Council packets for Item 13 / Archery on the agenda.

REPORT TO PASADENA CITY COUNCIL RE ARCHERY / FEBRUARY 2, 2015

I agree with the staff recommendations with the following exceptions:

- (1) I do not believe the proposed agreement is exempt from CEQA.
- (2) That an alternative site for archery should be of the highest priority but in lieu of authorizing the City Manager to determine where archery is to be permitted and promulgating the rules, Council should create a working group made up of Pasadena citizens to make such findings for Council review and approval.
- (3) That the new license and operating agreement with the PRA be of one year duration and with the deal points amended as outlined below.
- (4) That regardless whether an alternative archery location is found, that the Southern Range in the Lower Arroyo be used for passive (non-archery) recreation uses on weekdays (Monday through Friday) and for archery activities on weekend days (Saturday and Sunday) from park opening until 4:00 PM.

Deal Point Amendments:

- (1) Revenue Basis—amended to reflect a two tier payment schedule for Pasadena residents and non-residents and approved by the City of Pasadena.
- (3) Documents: (a) PRA roster be provided to the City prior to agreement signing and (e) safety inspection certificates and/or reports and NFAA certification shall be submitted prior to agreement signing.
- (9) Insurance liability limit shall be not less than \$5,000,000.
- (11) Uniformed monitors who will check for safety certifications of all archers shall be required during all times the range is open, shall be provided by the City of Pasadena, paid for by the PRA and be responsible for securely locking the targets during closed hours.

Southern Range:

- (1) Authorized use: Available for PRA sponsored activities, as well as use by non-member archers who have completed the safety training requirements, on Saturdays and Sundays from park opening until 4:00 PM.

Thank you,

Thomas Seifert

436 South Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91105

Thomas D. Seifert
626-577-6000
626-818-4580 cell

Novelo, Lilia

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: The Pasadena Roving Archers: Don't let a few 'busy bodies' succeed in closing down this facility. It's so very popular with so MANY, young and old alike.

From: GlenCSimmons@UNIV.US.com [mailto:GlenCSimmons@UNIV.US.com]

Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 8:43 AM

To: City_Council

Subject: The Pasadena Roving Archers: Don't let a few 'busy bodies' succeed in closing down this facility. It's so very popular with so MANY, young and old alike.

Pasadena has been providing this resource to the community for 70+ years. I've been attending their archery shoots for 20+ years. They're good people. It's a healthy *outdoor* activity. Their kids programs are *the best in Southern California*.

Sincerely,

Glen C. Simmons
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San Clemente, CA 92672
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Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo Park

From: Frank Simmons [<mailto:fhs323@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 5:35 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: Lower Arroyo Park

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Pasadena City Council members:

I am writing to express my concerns about the use of the Lower Arroyo Park. My family has lived in Pasadena since 1904, and I have spent a great deal of time in the Arroyo. Please help return the rights of Pasadena residents who use the park for walking, riding, dog walking, birding, etc. by restricting or eliminating the unfair use of the park as an archery range.

Thank you for your consideration.

Frank Simmons
2301 Paloma St
Pasadena, CA 91104

Sent from my iPad

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Please SAVE the Pasadena Archery Range

From: Leslie Tamppari <leslietamppari@gmail.com>
Date: January 31, 2015, 2:28:09 PM PST
To: <City_Council@cityofpasadena.net>, <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.city>, <city_letters@rovingarchers.com>
Subject: Please SAVE the Pasadena Archery Range

Hi -

Please SAVE and PROTECT the Pasadena Archery Range! It is a great and unique and long-standing asset to Pasadena.

thank you,
Leslie Tamppari

From: Katrina Tracy <kitracy86@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 4:47 PM
To: City_Council; Bogaard, Bill; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Archery Range in the Arroyo and Stewards of Public Land

To Whom this may Concern,

I would like to express my concern for the future of the Archery Range in the Arroyo of Pasadena.

A few things about me, I'm a cross county runner and an archer. I've been able to utilize the Arroyo for both of my hobbies. I live in Mount Washington and this is the closest Archery range near me. It came to my attention last week that a group calling themselves the "Stewards of Public Land" are blatantly targeting another group the "Pasadena Roving Archers" who use and maintain the archery range in the arroyo.

I am not a member of the Pasadena Roving Archers, however, I am an archer and visit this archery range to practice. This archery range is probably one of the most beautiful archery ranges in Southern California and furthermore it's a part of Pasadena History.

I take issue with the Stewards of Public land because on their website they are blatantly lying and making archery some sort of vicious sport. I invite the members of the City Council, Mayor and City Clerk to go to the archery range and see it for themselves. The range does not impede or block any trails for walkers or runners. There are plenty of trails that run along the river bed and into the range. The walking paths in the range are designated and clearly marked. I often shoot in the afternoons on the weekends, after the PRA classes have wrapped up. The range is for classes in the morning **for the public** to use. Occasionally walkers will walk, watch the archers and continue to keep walking.

There has ***never been a safety incident*** regarding archery in the Arroyo. It's really hard to shoot yourself with a bow and arrow. If you are an archer and you have invested the time in money into a bow and arrow, its not cheap, the last thing you want is to loose an arrow so you will not be just shooting off anywhere. Attempting to use Scare tactics like "***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.***"... "There are numerous reports of arrows almost hitting pedestrians and/or joggers" is appalling.

If there have been no incidents, please don't let the "Stewards" of the elite few, make up scenarios that have never happened in regards to safety.

Another issue, if they are Stewards of Public Land their complaint, "Archers come from throughout LA County and few are Pasadena residents." Yes! Members of the general public like me! Last I checked the Arroyo is Public Place for the PUBLIC to go to.

Please please please! As a member of the public, keep this archery range open to the public not making it exclusive for Pasadena's elites!

Regards,

Katrina Tracy

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kitracy86@gmail.com

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: archery range

From: Kevin Turcotte [<mailto:kturcotte20@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 8:04 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: archery range

Dear Members of the City Council;

Once again I find myself writing to you to keep the archery range open and accessible — as it currently is and has been for 80 years — instead of “fixing” it to appease the whims of a very small group of people who want the Arroyo Seco as their own private park — minus the archers who have been a presence there since before World War II. Pasadena has some very serious problems that the City Council should be overseeing — like the \$5 million embezzled — and “fixing” the archery range with ridiculous “lock-boxes” is not one of them. There is NO problem with the archers and the general public — both groups currently enjoy the usage of the lower Arroyo Seco and there is no need to close the range during the week or hamper the archers’ access to the park in any way. You have a clear choice to make tonight — become the laughing stock of Southern California by listening to this misguided group of Arroyo elitists, or turning your heads away from their meaningless distractions and focusing on real problems. Tell these people who want the Arroyo to be archer-free to mind their own business and stop bringing these non-problems to the city, wasting valuable time and city effort that could be spent tracking down REAL problems. Voters are never happy when their elected leaders fritter away valuable civic resources on non-problems while ignoring very real, massive and financially important problems. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kevin Turcotte
Glendale, California

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery in the lower arroyo

From: JTurovsky@aol.com [mailto:JTurovsky@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 5:38 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: Archery in the lower arroyo

To the Honorable Mayor and Pasadena City Council,

I write this letter regarding the archery range in the lower arroyo.

My dog and I walk in the arroyo daily. The arroyo is a treasure and its existence is one of the things that makes Pasadena such a unique place.

The archery range is a tragic accident waiting to happen.

Unless you spend a lot of time down there, as I do, it is not possible to get a true feel for the gravity and danger of the situation. It is not just about the PRA, but the open unregulated range. Very dangerous weapons mixed with often irresponsible unregulated and untrained individuals is a potentially lethal situation.

The only thing that makes sense is to move the range to Eaton Canyon.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Turovsky

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo / Archery

From: Jeff Wang [mailto:wangs4@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 3:39 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Jeff Wang
Subject: Lower Arroyo / Archery

Honorable Mr Mayor:

I write this to you in advance of the Monday Council meeting where this topic is going to be discussed once again.

I write to you not as an archery enthusiast but as a first time person who simply tried the archery class in the Lower Arroyo this morning.

After getting there too late with my wife and daughter (we arrived at 7:15am last Saturday), we were afforded a card to come back this morning. Believe me, it took some convincing to get my teenage daughter to wake up at 6:30am on a Saturday....again!

But we did. And we all had a marvelous time. This group of volunteers obviously enjoys what they do and are proud to share it with the many enthusiastic newbies, myself included. The lines are a clear indication of the interest in what this group provides. It clearly attracts folks from all over as we met folks in our learning group from UCLA, West Covina and the Westside. And the instructors are absolutely wonderful ambassadors to this fine city.

Anytime something that can attract folks to trek across town at early morning hours on a weekend, it really should be treasured. They come from all walks of life and can then enjoy the rest of the morning enjoying our wonderful town.

They really should be afforded the opportunity to continue doing what they are doing.

I am also a hiker and do appreciate all the fine hikes around the city and all I can say is that it is simply not feasible to have all the hiking trails shared with archery. Safety issues are paramount so having it restricted to these areas seems logical. Between the Secret Stairs of LA and the wonderful hikes all over this fine area, I believe we hikers will survive. And it provides an opportunity for the future of archery to survive.

Given the levels of interest and the vitality that it brings the community, I offer my support to keep the Pasadena Roving Archers in their desire to keep this wonderful sport alive and well.

I can't make this meeting due to a conflict, but I felt it important enough to write in and offer my family's thoughts.

I welcome the opportunity to help answer any questions in support of this terrific group.

Warm regards,
Jeff Wang
840 East Green Street #216
Pasadena, CA 91101

Patrick Warden
303 S. Almansor St., Apt. 33
Alhambra, CA 91801

January 30, 2015

Pasadena City Council
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

Re: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Honorable Council Members:

The Lower Arroyo Archery Range must be preserved for its important contributions, including maintaining community standards, preparing for natural disaster and building character and confidence in the citizenry. Since the Whittier Narrows range closed a few years ago for upgrades to the power grid, rationalized by sales of hybrid and electric vehicles that never materialized, massage parlors have sprouted everywhere like poison mushrooms; respect for potential jihadis is driving longtime residents out of neighborhoods that are fast becoming “no go” zones for those raised on law and order.

The Lower Arroyo Archery Range is near important engineering, business and broadcasting assets, targets for pacifist lobbies that usually precede rising crime rates and illegal transfer of sensitive technology. Second Amendment sports like target shooting and archery teach respect for laws and woodsman skills that help in times of natural disaster like earthquake, fire and flood, reducing reliance on government assistance not always available in a crisis. Outdoor sports also preserve traditional values of independence and appropriate conduct when enforcement by authorities is not immediately possible.

Last week on a distant lane, a mature mountain lion larger than sixty pounds was prowling from the hillside toward an area frequented by dog walkers and joggers. The nonprofit humane society or animal control department dispatched someone to look around and investigate within half an hour of a phone call by one of the Pasadena Roving Archers. Police said later that environmental lobbies prevent neutralizing the threat to life and safety by these dangerous animals that are known to stalk and fatally attack hikers. The state game ranger did not respond until eight hours after another follow-up phone call, saying that because it was in its own habitat, nothing would be done.

Volunteer groups like the Pasadena Roving Archers help to extend the effectiveness of public safety officials. As responsible conservationists, they also help monitor excessive urbanization and encroachments upon wilderness areas, maintaining a balance between nature and progress that make suburban lifestyle the model most people admire. Preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range and the quality of life for residents of the San Gabriel mountain communities.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick Warden

cc: City Clerk; Pasadena Roving Archers

02/02/2015
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From: Betsy Kollgaard <letizia.venezia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 10:33 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Please, please, please vote to continue the FNAA field archery range to exist.

In this day and age where our population is growing increasingly obese, keeping an option for physical activity open can only make sense. Not everyone can play soccer or tennis but almost everyone, including wheelchair-bound or other mobility-challenged individuals, can participate in archery.

Many remember archery fondly from their days at summer camp, Scouts, or high school gym class. Think about the last time you shot an arrow and heard the satisfying "thwak" of it solidly hitting the target. Think about how much your kids or grand kids or the youth and adults of Pasadena who would love to experience this without driving an hour to reach another range. Please think about coming out and shooting a few arrows. And then, please, do not remove this wonderful, historic activity center where generations have shared the joys and benefits provided by archery.

I do not live in Pasadena, yet this facility brings me often to your fair town where I spend money at restaurants and shops. This may seem trivial, but if I, and all my archer friends from Non-Pasadena stop coming, there will be economic impact, small as it may be.

As a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, I am grateful for this archery range and the quality facilities provided and staffed maintained by expert volunteers. Please let them continue this labor of love and allow the youth of Pasadena the opportunity to learn the wonderful sport of Field Archery.

Please don't throw away 80 years of history and tradition.

Please keep the Lower Arroyo Archery Range open.

Most sincerely,
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310.452.0715

Lady Letizia da Venezia
Lady-in-Waiting to the Baroness Cecilia of Altaria
Guild of the Gleaners
Serenissima

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Tomorrow's City Council Meeting--Archery Range

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

From: Bernard Weinraub [mailto:bernmart@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 3:50 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Tomorrow's City Council Meeting--Archery Range

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a retired teacher. My last position was as an instructor at The Waverly School, here in Pasadena. Out of love for the school I still substitute there from time to time, even though all my former students have graduated.

Two weeks ago I was walking across the campus when I saw a young woman whose windbreaker had the legend "Archer" across its back. I asked if this referred to the girls' school of that name, in Brentwood. She laughed, and with great pride declared that she was not "at" Archer; she was "an" archer, and a competitive one! She had learned archery as a child, taking classes in the lower Arroyo, given by the Pasadena Roving Archers.

Archery is a popular sport for young people. In a culture which tends to scatter one's attention, and to value excitement over contemplation, archery is about focus, form, practice, and calm. A young man whom I used to teach took up archery at sixteen, during a troubled time in his life. He is now a successful college student, and competes in statewide archery tournaments.

After years of walking along the Arroyo, with my dog and without, one day I stopped to watch a class being taught by Pasadena Roving Archers, and realized that in this, as in so many other things, young people had something to teach me by example. I decided in my early seventies to take up archery.

I have been studying and practicing archery in the Arroyo--a short distance from my home in the Linda Vista area--for several years now. As a citizen and someone who knows something about organizations, I've developed an enormous respect for Pasadena Roving Archers--for their emphasis on safety, their respect for the environment; their sense of themselves as part of the community.

I urge you to continue the club to operate as it is, and where it is. It is a fine way to utilize the Arroyo as a recreational area, and deserves our support.

Cordially,

Bernard M. Weinraub
1185 Afton Street
Pasadena, CA 91103

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery in the Arroyo

From: Janice Willett [mailto:jmhdub@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: Archery in the Arroyo

I agree wholeheartedly with the Stewards of Public Land. I believe their concerns are valid as I have walked among the archers, their cars, and concession stands. The way they are using the Arroyo now, seems incompatible with young ones exploring, and folks who are walking, birdwatching, identifying native plants or enjoying the area in some other way. They seem to take over the whole area surrounding their targets.

I feel that the proposals for a solution are reasonable and hope that you will give the problem some serious consideration now.

Janice
Willett

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery range

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From: Janet Wood <janetdwood@gmail.com>
Date: February 1, 2015 at 1:35:31 PM PST
To: "bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net" <bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Archery range

Send all archers to Eaton Canyon. Or at the very least limit days and hours, with proper supervisio. In my opinion, as an over 30 veteran of selling liability insurance, if the City does NOT act responsibly knowing that the new arrows are potentially dangerous, the City could be held liable since Council is fully aware of the dangers of potential serious or even lethal injuries.

Janet D. Wood

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Please Keep Pasadena Archery Range Open and Intact

From: Steve Yoshimura [mailto:st_yosh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 10:55 PM
To: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please Keep Pasadena Archery Range Open and Intact

Hello Pasadena City Council Members,

Thank you for having the best archery range in Los Angeles County. We travel all the way from Torrance to use your fine facility and think it would be a huge disservice to the public if the range hours and area are reduced. Out door archery is a great family sport and there are not enough locations in Los Angeles to practice. Pasadena has always been proud of its history and it should be proud of this range and preserve its heritage as being one of the oldest field archery ranges.

Please do not restrict accses or reduce the size of the oldest and best archery range in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Steve Yoshimura
Torrance, CA

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Regarding the of Lower Arroyo archery range

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From: syu@caltech.edu [mailto:syu@caltech.edu]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 6:34 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Regarding the of Lower Arroyo archery range

Dear Pasadena City Council,
Greetings. I am Su-Peng Yu, a current resident in the City of Pasadena and a Ph.D. student in Caltech. I would like to voice my support for the Pasadena Roving Archers and the Lower Arroyo archery range in the following council meeting.

I have been a member with the Roving Archers for a year and half now. I was introduced to archery by them, and the Caltech Youth group. Since then, archery has become my favorite sport, and I have also met a number of friends, wonderful people from all walks of life, a circle of friends for a person studying far away from home like myself.

As far as I know, aside from the approximately annually archery outings with the Caltech Youth group, I know at least two other friends in the Caltech community who frequent the range. I myself had been practicing every week, as long as I am in-town. I also do my best to keep the range clean, picking up trash in the range when I see them. I truly wish the range can remain open, both for the Roving Archers on the weekends, and also during the week.

Archery is perhaps one of the few sports that everyone, old and young, large and small, can participate together. My small group of regulars range from people in their early teens to people in their sixties. We are students, scientists, bank employees, school teachers, car mechanics, active duty members, we are The People.

Please preserve the Lower Arroyo archery range!
Sincerely,
Su-Peng Yu

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Please Don't limit the range

From: Tetsu Yoshimura [<mailto:potatolazer@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 1:30 AM
To: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Please Don't limit the range

Please do not limit the range to only weekends. My name is Tetsu Yoshimura. I am 16 and live in Torrance. I go to the Pasadena Range twice a week to shoot despite it being far away. There are other ranges closer to me but none are as good as the range in Pasadena. I have been a member of the PRA for 4 years now and i love shooting there. Everyone is super friendly and its full of good vibe.

I have no idea why anyone would want to shut down the range or even limit the use of it so i looked on the website of the "Stewards of public land", which is the group that wants to remove archery. I went on there to see things from their perspective and why they may want to remove archery.

All of their reasons to remove archery are ridiculous and false. i wanted to see if they had any valid reasons for the removal of archery but there is nothing. here are some of their arguments.

"There has been a tremendous expansion in archery use in the Lower Arroyo in recent years"

There has been an increase in the amount of people coming to shoot because of the increasing popularity of the sport but the archers are still using the same amount of space. this argument makes it sound like the archers are spreading out and taking over.

"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."

The property they are talking about is literally like a cliff. Even if archery was not there they could not use it. Also i don't believe that one neighbor found 70 arrows. when an archer misses the bail and loses an arrow, it hits the cliff side right behind the bail. the archer can usually find their own arrow because they know the general area in which it went. For someone to find 70 arrows that missed is absolutely ridiculous. Those arrows had to have been hidden real good if the archer that shot it couldn't even find it.

"Today's bows and arrows are powerful and lethal weapons."

The bows of today are definitely more high tech but they are the same power as they were before and the new tech is made to make them more accurate. if anything they should be safer. Also anything can be used as a lethal weapon, such as a hammer or a car or a kitchen knife.

"Conflicts between archers and other users of the Arroyo are increasing."

Not once in my four years of going to the range have i witnessed a conflict between archers and other users of the park. I have seen people warned to get away if they were wandering into a shooting lane though.

"There are numerous reports of arrows almost hitting pedestrians and/or joggers."

If you have ever been to the range you would know that the trail that both archers and joggers use is at the back end of every shooting lane which means that for them to have had arrows fly past, they would have had to run/walked onto the actual lane. that means they were not following the path.

"Archers come from throughout LA County and few are Pasadena residents."

That's because the Pasadena range is AWESOME. I don't even see how this is a problem.

"There is drinking, smoking and shooting arrows – even after nightfall."

These types of actions are already restricted and if there are people that are doing this then they clearly don't care about the rules so putting more restrictions isn't going to help.

Just keep the range the way it has been for the past 80 years. Nobody seemed to have any problems then. Please don't limit the range to only weekends. I love archery.