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FW: Archery range

From: obaka adedunyo [mailto:obaka@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 12:56 PM
To: City\_Council; City\_Letters@rovingarchers.com

Subject: Archery range

This email is sent to you in order to express my feelings regarding the use of the Lower Arroyo park for archery shooting. I have been a member of the Pasadena Roving Archers for the past 14 years. I learned how to safely use archey equipment there and over the years progressed to becoming a coach and teaching other students. I, like many others find this to be a great recreational sport. In all of my years of connection with the PRA, I have never seen nor heard of an accident or anyone getting injured on this range. Based on the knowledge and history that I have acquired relating to the club there has never been an accident of any kind in the 78 year history of it's existence in the Lower Arroyo. There are people from all walks of life engaging in the sport, as well as all ages (from children to seniors) and all ethnicities enjoying themselves during their time on the range.

The volunteers that freely give of their time to come out and teach as well as maintain the range is amazing. This is the most diversified group of people that I have ever encountered in my life.

To permit a small elitist group of individuals to monopolize the usage of this public park by depriving others from using it is totally unacceptable by any standards. There is space for everyone to enjoy their particular activity (dog walking, birding, hiking, horse riding, and archery,etc.) Considering the amount of time that the PRA utilizes the space we use, I request that you look upon our petition favorably when you are making your decision.

Thanking you in advance

Obaka Adedunyo Archery Coach/Member Pasadena Roving Archers Sept. 9, 2014

From: cityclerk

**Subject:** FW: Lower Arroyo meeting February 2

From: Andreas Aebi [mailto:aebi@hss.caltech.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 5:33 PM

**To:** Sullivan, Noreen; Bogaard, Bill; Jomsky, Mark **Subject:** Lower Arroyo meeting February 2

Dear Mayor Bogaard, Councilman Masuda, Mr. Jomski

My wife and I and many friends are frequent dog walkers in the Lower Arroyo and my daughter and her friends ride their horse there regularly.

There has been a tremendous expansion in archery use in the Lower Arroyo in recent years and we have come to question why a private group now seems to have control of almost half of the usable open space in the Lower Arroyo. Conflicts between archers and other users of the Arroyo are increasing as the range area is infringing on the safe use for other recreational users. Today's bows and arrows are powerful and lethal weapons and there are numerous reports of arrows almost hitting pedestrians and/or joggers, horseback riders — this now has become a very dangerous situation. I believe the PPD agrees on this.

Archery seems to be practiced without any kind of supervision by trained safety/range officers enforcing common sense rules. We think it is just a matter of time before some serious archery related injuries will occur. So far everybody (including the City) has been lucky!

We would greatly appreciate if the City would consider reasonable measures to find solutions for all Lower Arroyo users. BTW, as we observe in the parking lots, it seems very few archers are Pasadena residents.

Maybe officially limit the days and hours when the Archery Range is open and improve signage and use flags to alert others when the Range is open for archery use.

Another thought, lets establish a possibly certifiable Target Range for training and competition in Eaton Canyon on the site of the former Police Shooting Range. It would be a natural for a much safer site for a true target range with improved visibility, safety margins for errant arrows and convenient parking.

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 and enforcement of such rules.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: cityclerk

**Subject:** FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Debate

**From:** Chris Ambarian - Gmail [mailto:chris.ambarian@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:01 PM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill; Jomsky, Mark **Cc:** sopl@stewardsofpublicland.org **Subject:** Lower Arroyo Archery Debate

Hello Mayor Bogaard, Mr. Jomsky, and the City Council:

I'd like to chime in on the issue of archery in the Lower Arroyo.

For reference, I live in a house with a backyard in the Arroyo, about 15 yards from the creek itself, and adjacent to the 134 freeway overpass.

My wife and I, along with most of our neighbors and many other people we don't know except by passing smile, frequent the Lower Arroyo either by ourselves or with our dogs. It is a lovely natural area that serves as a much-needed respite from the hubbub inherent in LA life.

I am all in favor of taking a mature and balanced approach to this or any other issue. That said, I do think that when it comes to competing "traditional" uses, push usually needn't come to shove. Everyone can continue to use the area and hope for the best. For the purposes of this discussion, I therefore support the solution(s) put forth by the Stewards of Public Land group that I'm sure you are well aware of by now.

But in this case, if push really must come to shove (whether because of (understandably) worried residents, or because of (not understandably) increasingly strident archers), and we are for whatever unknowable reasons even considering the idea of *exclusive* use of even part of the Lower Arroyo, then I have to say that the archers should live up to their name, and get up and *rove*.

### The deciding logic should be this:

- 1. The Lower Arroyo is a place that happens to have a stream running through it. That's what gives it its character. That's why they made that beautiful bridge up there. That's what makes it a wonderful place to walk and to take your dogs and to generally get away from it all. The stream is NOT what makes it a great place to practice archery. What makes it a great place for archery? The targets, and the parking lot.
- 2. When considering which of the intransigent parties should move, then, let's consider options. Can we easily move the stream to another place and grow a few thousand new trees and cut some new trails, so that people have another place to walk? Nope. Can we easily move or mitigate the properties to the west of the archery ranges that are apparently beset by stray arrows? Nope. Can we easily move the final parking place of a bunch of archers who drove here anyway, to another place nearby? Ummm, why not? Seems easy enough to me.

And so ends my objective discussion of this issue. If you asked me for a personal opinion that I didn't have to substantiate with demonstrable or recorded facts, I would say that the archers should just go to a new home. First, approximately 90% of the time that I have walked through the area, approximately 90% of the archery ranges are empty. Second, there's no need to lock up a huge natural area for a special interest group that doesn't even need (or, apparently, appreciate) said natural area. Third, the range is unmonitored. It's only a matter of time before someone is hurt, and just as likely that it won't be an archer. That would be a

shame. And I don't think the way around that should be to add to the government payroll by installing a range officer. We just don't need that as much as we badly need other things around the City.

Thank you very much for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Ambarian 80 El Circulo Drive Pasadena, 91105

From: Sent: Mary Eileen Arroyo <chispala@aol.com> Wednesday, December 10, 2014 7:02 AM

To:

City\_Council

Cc:

Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com

Subject:

Lower Arroyo Archery Range

### To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to speak on behalf of maintaining the status quo with regards to the city's agreement with the Roving Archers. The archery range is a wonderful benefit to both Pasadena and surrounding cities, enabling a multitude of people ranging in age from 2-80 to enjoy the sport of archery. The. Roving Archers work hard and give of their time freely to support and spread a love of archery in the general public and the Lower Arroyo Archery Range allows them to do that. They teach many people on the weekends in a series of classes; the dozens of times that I have attended, they often run out of equipment to lend because of the crowd that shows up. I have also visited the range during the week often with my sister and niece. We were able to practice our archery skills and see a wide range of other archers using them as well. The Lower Arroyo Archery Range is a valuable resource and I would ask the City Council to continue the agreement and keep the status quo.

Thank you,
Mary Eileen Arroyo
Fifth Grade Teacher and Amateur Archer

Sent from my iPad

## Jomsky, Mark

From:

Brian Alan Baker < brianalanbaker 1@me.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 8:54 PM

To:

Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

Arroyo Seco Archers

To the City Council, an all others interested:

Please add my name to the list of people who oppose the exclusive use/dedication of the Arroyo Seco for an archery club. I have no objection to archery, but the lands adjoining the Arroyo Seco are part of a park, and should be left open for general use and enjoyment. Dedicating 18 acres seems too much land for too few users, and excludes other uses. The archers should rove elsewhere. Thank you. Brian Alan Baker. 91106.

From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: Archery in Arroyo

From: Christle Balvin [mailto:gobalvin@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 12:28 PM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill; Jomsky, Mark **Subject:** Archery in Arroyo

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

Always so much going on in Pasadena!

The archery issue did not really hit me until I took my dog over for a run along the channel near the casting pond. We were quietly walking along the west side and headed up closer to the bluff. Suddenly we were in an archery shooting area. So we walked further south only to discover that once off the main trail, the entire west side from trail to bluff and down to the bridge was rampant with small archery ranges or archery cloisters.

I'm delighted that the Hunger Games has interested young people in a new sport. But I agree that the lower Arroyo, used by neighbors for recreation, dog walking and equestrian activities may not be the best place for serious archery. Therefore, I strongly back the recommendation of the Stewards of Public Land to create an overview plan that looks at shared uses of the area and perhaps establishes other archery ranges within the city (how about the old police rifle range?). The current situation could prove serious to unsuspecting trail users who simply by walking along the west side of the lower arroyo find themselves serving as unintentional bull eyes for roving arrow...

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Christle Balvin

## Stewart, Jana

From:

Amber Bansak <amber.bansak@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 4:35 PM

To:

City\_Council

Subject:

Please Preserve Historic Lower Arroyo Pasadena Roving Archers Range

To Whom It May Concern,

As an archer and a neighbor, the range means a lot to me and I ask that you please preserve this community treasure.

I know you're busy, so I'll keep it brief and to the point. I think it's an extremely important part of the community and the history of the area and it would devastate me if we were to lose it.

Thanks for your time, Amber

Amber J. Bansak

(cell) 323.627.5954

**From:** cityclerk

To: Buchanan, Rita (rbuchanan@cityofpasadena.net)

**Subject:** FW: Arrows in the Arroyo

Subject: Arrows in the Arroyo

I am a member of the Pasadena Roving Archers. I became involved in PRA several years ago. My son, then 8, wanted to learn to shoot a bow and arrow. At the time, I knew nothing about archery or shooting arrows. I had heard of a archery range in Pasadena. We started taking Saturday morning classes. We both loved the activity and it became a real father and son bonding activity for us. Six years later we are still active archers at the range and members of PRA. I like that my son enjoys the sport, and has become very accomplished, winning competitions in his category. He is now a 14 year old teenager, archery continues to be common ground for our mutual enjoyment and bonding. I believe Pasadena Roving Archers and archery has helped him development as a person. Archery is more that just shooting arrows and I am great full for having this activity available.

Regarding those who desire to have archery eliminated from Lower Arroyo Park, "Stewards of Public Land". I find it somewhat unethical that Claire Bogaard, the mayors wife, would lead a community effort to eliminate the Pasadena Roving Archers. Ms Bogaard has influence and connections within Pasadena political realm that are unique and powerful. I believe it inappropriate that she would use her influence in this manner. The PRA is a outstanding Pasadena organization, and makes considerable contributions to the community.

Pasadena Roving Archers is a historic Pasadena institution. Archery has been a activity in the lower arroyo for 79 years. The Lower Arroyo Park is City of Pasadena's Designated Landmarks and Treasures and a Cultural Heritage Landmark. Archery is mentioned in the Lower Arroyo Park Master Plan as a historic use to the park. Pasadena Roving Archers is a historic use in a historic park in a city that has a unique reverence for its heritage. This historic use is similar to a historic parade that occurs each new years day on a historic street named Colorado Boulevard.

I am not a resident of Pasadena. I live in Northeast Los Angeles, 10 minutes from Pasadena by automobile. I hike, shop, dine, go to movies, by gas in Pasadena. After shooting archery in the arroyo, my archery friends and I often go out to lunch or dinner in Pasadena. I am sure many other non "Pasadenaians" enjoy all that Pasadena has to ofter. Pasadena is a regional center, one of many in Souther California. I believe the planners and government of Pasadena have strived to make Pasadena a center of commerce and cultural activities, while preserving its unique heritage. The idea of some councilpersons that Pasadena is for the people of Pasadena is simply political posturing and at best naive.

Pasadena Roving Archers brings joy and a feeling of accomplishment to young people as they learn to develop a skill we call archery. It is a very simple, age old, even ancient activity. There is something indescribable in the physical act of shooting an arrow accurately. Archers have a very strong passion for the sport. Please allow PRA to continue to properly teach children and adults of all ages the simple enjoyment of shooting an arrow.

Richard Barron 4925 Sycamore Terrace Los Angeles CA 90042

## Jomsky, Mark

From: Sent: Claire Bell <denleader164@yahoo.com> Thursday, November 06, 2014 9:50 AM

To:

City\_Council; Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

Pasadena Arroyo Seco Archery Range

Dear Sir,

I was hoping that you could consider saving the archery range in the Arroyo Seco. I have been there with the boy scouts working on the Archery Merit Badge. It is really nice to have a safe local option for the boys who don't finish the merit badge at camp or just can be introduced to it as a fun sport. Considering it is in the general public interest to maintain this range, I respectfully ask you to honor that.

Claire M. Bell Assistant District Commissioner Rosebowl District San Gabriel Valley Council

From: cityclerk

**Subject:** FW: Please Limit Archers in the Arroyo

**From:** Constance Brines [mailto:yconnie.brines@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 4:59 PM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill **Cc:** Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Please Limit Archers in the Arroyo

### To Whom It May Concern

The Lower Arroyo is a heavily used public venue — a nature preservation area. A private group should not limit access to public property. Archery is a hazardous sport. The use of public property for a dangerous activity is not acceptable and should not be allowed, even on a limited basis.

It has been proposed that the former Police Shooting Range at Eaton canyon replace the Lower Arroyo as a safe and cogent replacement target range for archers. This solution should be implemented immediately.

### Sincerely

Constance Bidwell Brines 950 Laguna Road Pasadena CA 91105 Home: 626-403-0727

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Subject:

FW: The Pasadena Archery Range

From: Mary Brown [mailto:mary91011@me.com]

Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 9:42 AM

To: City\_Council

Subject: The Pasadena Archery Range

### Hello,

I work in Pasadena and live in La Canada. I was so pleased to have found the archery range. I went for my first visit last weekend and could not have had a better time. Please preserve the range. With so many public services and parks & rec programs being cut during recent years, this one is a shining example of what cities can do without breaking the bank. Sincerely.

Mary K. Brown 818-439-0030

From:

aideas@earthlink.net

Sent:

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 12:42 PM

To:

City\_Council

Cc:

Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com

Subject:

Lower Arroyo Archery Range

December 10, 2014

To the Pasadena City Council,

I am in support of preserving Pasadena's historic archery range. Having been part of the lower Arroyo Park for almost 80 year, the archery range is part of the City's cultural heritage. In fact, it is the world's oldest continually operating field archery range. It is a unique feature that should be preserved and kept available to all citizens of this city. I also request that this letter be included in the agenda packet for the meeting.

Ai Buangsuwon Scoutmaster Troop 5 Pasadena, CA 818-399-0867

Subject:

FW: Please preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Julian Callos [mailto:juliancallos@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 7:25 PM

To: City\_Council

**Subject:** Please preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To the Pasadena City Council members,

My friends and I have a newfound love of archery and would like to continue to attend the classes held at the ranges in Lower Arroyo. The instructors are friendly and knowledgable and take the utmost care to ensure everyone's safety. The archery range does not prohibit walking, jogging, dog-walking, or any other forms of enjoyment in the area. Please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

Thanks, Julian Callos

From: Gabriela del Campo <gabrieladelcampo@att.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 3:03 PM

To: City\_Council

**Cc:** Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com

**Subject:** Archery in the Lower Arroyo

Please include this letter in the agenda packet for the meeting

Dear Sir/Madame:

My family and I have enjoyed archery in the lower arroyo for several months. This is the only sport we engage in as a family. The range is in a beautiful location and close to so many eateries, we often make a day out of it.

I was surprised to learn there was opposition to archery in the arroyo, and I truly don't understand why. I would think Pasadena would be proud to have the oldest standing archery range in the world and a place where families can participate in a safe, fun activity. The club that hosts our classes takes very good care of the grounds and helps maintain its rugged, natural atmosphere.

I understand there are those that would like to turn the location into a dog park. I have a dog and wouldn't want to bring it to the range. The ground is still littered with broken glass from when it was a dump many years ago and I would be concerned he may step on it, cutting the pads on his paws. I also believe the presence of an archery club deters transients and others who may may leave behind litter or engage in criminal activity.

I truly hope you allow this sport to continue at this location the way it has since the thirties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gabriela del Campo

## Jomsky, Mark

From: Cathcart, Mike <mcathcart@allenmatkins.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 1:19 PM

To: Bogaard, Bill, Madison, Steve

Cc: Jomsky, Mark; George Brumder; Marilyn Brumder; John Byram; Joan Cathcart; Cathcart,

Mike; Ken Chawkins; Nina Chomsky; Abraham Chorbajian; Bill & Barbara Christopher; Lisa Cochrane; Barbara Cole; Wendy Crowley; David Czamanske; Emina Darakjy; Matt Dillhoefer; Bill Ellinger; Marcia Ellinger; Ann Erdman; Nancy & Dick Esbenshade; Virginia Escamilla; Andrew (Pete) Ewing; Vince Farhat; Betsy Farhat; Joan Fauvre; Priscilla Flynn; Jill Fosselman; Mark Frankel; Beth Gertmenian; Claire Bogaard; Martyn Belmont; Wendy Gilmore; Teresa Grimes; Ken Grobecker; Ljiljana Grozdanic; Michael D. Hamilton; Mic

Hansen; Joan Cathcart; Suzuki, Takako

Subject: Pasadena's Lower Arroyo

### City of Pasadena:

PLEASE do not assign, transfer or permit the exclusive use of the 18 acres known as the Lower Arroyo Archery Range to the Roving Archers or any other entity without listening and responding to the concerns of the many neighbors and Pasadena residents who enjoy visiting, hiking, jogging, walking and living in that area. It is patently unfair to set aside such a large swath of valuable, rare, beautiful and beneficial urban parkland and habitat for a small number of users and a very limited scope of use.

This proposed action will have significant impacts to the local if not City environment and the Arroyo's neighbors as well as other residents of Pasadena. Hopefully, the City has or will undertake the requisite studies and analyses to comply with the requirements of California's Public Resources Code, including Sections 21000, et seq., to address those impacts and issue the required findings, statements and/or Environmental Impact Report before taking any such action.

On the merits, the City Council must recognize that the proposed action would accomplish several sins:

- 1) Reward the Roving Archers for an unauthorized creeping encroachment on valuable areas of the Arroyo
- 2) Deprive many Pasadena residents of the safe enjoyment of a significant portion of the Lower Arroyo, including some of the most scenic walking routes through the area
- 3) Continue to endanger property owners uphill from the archery range who have complained repeatedly about errant arrows landing in their yards
- 4) Unless properly compensated by users of the archery range (which has not yet happened!), deprive the City of Pasadena of needed income to cover the expenses of owning, maintaining and protecting the Lower Arroyo
- 5) Unless properly regulated, permit use of the archery range without adequate controls, oversight and supervision

The planned cession of valuable public property to a limited number of users will undoubtedly be under-compensated, poorly defined, lacking in guidelines for the operation, maintenance and care of the area, and accomplished without adequate notice to the citizens of Pasadena of all the consequences, impacts and dangers of the unfettered use of the archery range.

PLEASE do not do this!

Robert J. (Mike) Cathcart La Loma Road Pasadena

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From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: Archery in the Lower Arroyo

From: Blaine Cavena [mailto:becavena@us.ibm.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 4:42 PM

To: Morales, Margo

Subject: Archery in the Lower Arroyo

Margaret, I see the issue of the Lower Arroyo archery range is on Council agenda for December. While I have no objection to minor refinements in the current rules for use of the range, I strongly believe that any substantive change should be addressed through the Lower Arroyo Master Plan. That master plan was the result of extensive citizen input, involving all stakeholders to produce a plan supported by all. Archery in the Lower Arroyo was a significant element of that plan, one included with the support of all participants in that planning process.

Making major changes, such as imposing significant limits on archery, should be done through the master planning process. To do otherwise is to make a mockery of the concept of citizen input and involvement in planning for our city. (Personally, I am not an archer but I support the continued use and presence of the range, not only because of its exemplary safety record, but because it uses just a tiny fraction of the trails and paths in the Lower Arroyo, and because it is available to all.)

But whatever one's views on archery in the park, the proper way to address the uses and functions of the park is via its master plan.

Thank you,

Blaine Cavena Pasadena

From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: archery in the lower Arroyo

**From:** Blaine Cavena [mailto:becavena@us.ibm.com] **Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2013 1:47 PM

To: Bogaard, Bill; district1; Morales, Margo; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; De La Cuba, Vannia; Sullivan,

Noreen; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry **Subject:** archery in the lower Arroyo

As a long time resident of west Pasadena (in San Rafael) I am strongly in favor of keeping archery in the lower Arroyo, and also strongly opposed to the concept of "shared use".

- Archery has been part of the lower Arroyo environment for many decades. The range has been used by individuals, school groups, youth organizations and many others, sometimes formally supervised and sometimes not, all while maintaining an exemplary safety record.
- Archery is specifically included in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan (LAMP) which was developed with extensive public participation and support. The LAMP includes the specific range boundaries and use. (Interestingly, the LAMP shows all the acknowledged roads and trails, but the path that seems to be the proximate cause of the current debate is not shown, because it has never been an acknowledged path.)
- The range is a public benefit, open to all, as is the rest of the lower Arroyo. The Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) provide most of the maintenance and oversight of this public benefit. All they ask in return is that the range provide the variety and minimum number of targets they need for practice and competition. This is small consideration for their support of this public benefit.
- "Shared use" of some areas would result in increased safety hazards, as it would require more complex (and more easily misunderstood) signage, would require ambiguous separations (to allow entry during "open" times) -- and would continue to be ignored by people who think they should be able to go wherever they want. Shared use would also severely limit the times available for full course practice by archers, thus reducing the range's value to the PRA. Finally, shared use is impractical because archers and walkers want to use the range at the same times: Mornings, late afternoons and weekends are the preferred times for both.
- Much of the reason the range areas are attractive to others is that they are not overgrown, as are most of the other large open areas in the lower Arroyo. To a great extent that is because the range has been used and maintained for archery. Were that to cease the area would gradually change to match the other open areas.
- Even when the controversial path is included, more than 95% of the lower Arroyo trails (ignoring roads) are open to all. Objections that refer to the space used by the range are misleading since lower Arroyo use is almost exclusively limited to the roads and trails. Trail access is what should be considered, not space allocations.

The range should remain. It should not be shared use, as that would increase safety issues while adversely affecting the organization on which the city relies for maintenance and oversight.

Fundamentally, much of this debate is being driven by a tiny but vocal minority, some of whom seem to believe they have (or should have) great influence in the city, who apparently believe that their desire to walk where they want, when they want, is more important than what others may want to do. For some of them and some others the basic question is whether archery should be present in the lower Arroyo. Unless we are to ignore carefully prepared master plans like the LAMP, the proper way to address that question is via the LAMP and the master plan process.

I am not an archer, and am not associated with PRA, but the presence of archery in the lower Arroyo has added to the sometimes quirky charm and character of west Pasadena for more than 60 years, and should continue to do so.

Blaine Cavena Pasadena, CA

Subject:

FW: Preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range!

My name is Vincent Cesario and I live in the city of Altadena and I am a member of the Pasadena Roving Archers. My wife has an office in Old Town Pasadena, so we pay city taxes. As a tax payer of Pasadena, I would like to voice my opinion that the Lower Arroyo Archery Range be preserved. This is one of the many things that makes Pasadena a great place to live, work and play. My son and I visit the range at least twice a month, and we often go to lunch in the city of Pasadena afterward. It would be a shame if we did not have this wonderful resource to enjoy as it makes the city of Pasadena a more vibrant, and attractive place to visit and do business.

Thank you, Vincent Cesario. Pasadena Roving Archer Member

From: Stewart, Jana

Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 1:07 PM

To: Buchanan, Rita

**Subject:** FW: PLEASE, preserve our archery!

Rita, for the archery file...thanks!

Jana Stewart
Office of the Mayor & City Council

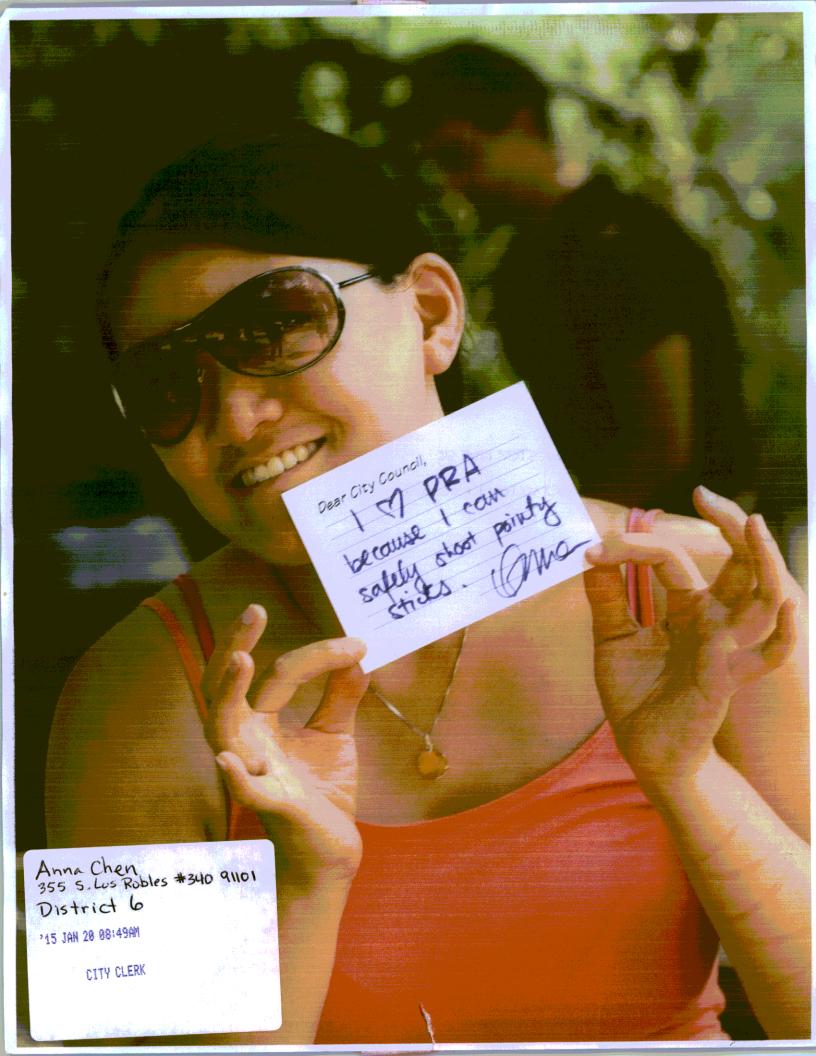
----Original Message-----

From: LoneeU [mailto:luPasadena@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 11:31 AM

To: City\_Council

Subject: PLEASE, preserve our archery!

Sincerely, Lonee and Charles Urtuzuastegui Pasadena 91105



From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: Please preserve the archery range in the Lower Arroyo

From: meromero15@gmail.com [mailto:meromero15@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Anna C

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 9:53 AM

To: City Council

Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city letters@rovingarchers.com

**Subject:** Please preserve the archery range in the Lower Arroyo

Hello,

As a resident of Pasadena, I would like to express my concern regarding the "Stewards of Public Land" and their efforts to shut down the historic archery range in the Lower Arroyo. I've received information from them saying the Pasadena RovingArchers, of which I am a member, is trying to prevent the general public from enjoying the area, and nothing could be further from the truth.

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. The City is paid a portion of the fees collected for these classes and tournaments. For the remaining 85% of the hours during which the park is open, the range is not reserved by PRA and is available for archery use by the general public.

The archery range is not "devoted to an exclusive private use." It is available for public use for archery. 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. Such usage is consistent with Pasadena Municipal Code (3.32.110), which specifies that archery and hiking are examples of permitted activities, and that all permitted activities must be restricted to their defined activity areas.

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.

The Pasadena Roving Archers *do not* want to "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. In fact, I frequently walk my dog in the area after practicing archery and take my family to explore trails even on days when I am not practicing archery.

The Pasadena Roving Archers would do nothing to restrict the use of any of these existing trails. The only aim is to delineate the boundaries of the range more clearly in order to prevent inadvertent pedestrian intrusions into the range that compromise safety.

Archery is one of the safest sports in the world. It is a great way for people to enjoy being outdoors, to socialize and learn about the natural beauty of Pasadena. I have met people from all over Southern California at the archery range, and I have been able to recommend great Pasadena shopping and dining places to them so they can further enjoy the city. I've also learned a lot about conservation and the preservation of our natural resources since my time at the archery range.

As a resident of Pasadena, I have to say that one of the best discoveries I made upon moving to the city three years ago was to find out I had an outdoor archery range readily available to me. Not many cities can boast of the same, and it saddens me that there is a group in my city who is trying to oust the archery range from its historic home.

I hope the Council will represent my interest in this issue and help preserve the archery range in the Lower Arroyo. Please include my letter in the agenda packet for the upcoming City Council meeting.

Thank you,

Anna Chen 355 S. Los Robles

## Stewart, Jana

From:

Jennifer <chobj0147@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:37 PM

To:

City\_Council

Subject:

preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

Thank you!

## Stewart, Jana

From:

Bart <bart\_chow@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Saturday, August 30, 2014 11:29 AM

To:

City\_Council

Subject:

Archery in the Lower Arroyo

Esteemed City Council Members,

I strongly support the Pasadena Roving Archers and archery in general for use in the Lower Arroyo.

I have seen nothing but professional and exemplary behavior by the members of the club as well as by the citizens they welcome with open arms to their instructional classes.

My wife is a Girl Scout Troop Leader and I am a Cub Scout Leader. I see the Pasadena Roving Archers provide fantastic instruction to the Scouting children on a very regular basis.

I strongly urge your continued support for Archery in the Lower Arroyo.

~Bart Chow

From: cityclerk

Subject: FW: Archery Showdown Monday February 2 - Pasadena City Hall

**From:** Kristy Clougherty [mailto:kristy34@clougherty.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:46 PM

To: Bogaard, Bill

Cc: Jomsky, Mark; De La Cuba, Vannia

Subject: Fwd: Archery Showdown Monday February 2 - Pasadena City Hall

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Today I received the following email from the Stewards of Public Land regarding an apparent "showdown" at the next City Council meeting on Monday, February 2 between the Stewards of Public Land and the Pasadena Roving Archers (see forwarded thread). The message was disconcerting to me on many levels, but mostly the implication that PPD is supporting/endorsing this organization. I have contacted Victor Gordo's office who is now aware of the confusing message I received.

For the record at at the upcoming meeting on February 2 at 6:30 p.m. please make it known that I am 100% in support of the Roving Archers because they do not pose any health or safety concerns, but instead provide a free, healthy activity with access to ALL residents. In the email list I find the reasons of why the Roving Archers should be moved erroneous. I am not only a resident who uses the archery with my young daughters, but am also a member of Pasadena Audubon Society and lover of nature. I know for a fact these two pastimes coexist with ease. In fact, the area is home to many special species that thrive in the current environment and have for many years. Should the archery be moved, there's no telling what may then take it's place, thus putting many animals in peril.

I question the validity regarding the number of arrows falling into properties... what are the statistics over the past 5 years and is the number powerful enough to warrant uprooting a historic club site? I would like to see the reports released regarding the conflicts between archers and others in the Arroyo vicinity as well as the stated reports of arrows nearly hitting pedestrians and joggers. Is there a valid report on the number of LA County residents using the archery vs. Pasadena residents? Why does this matter? Shouldn't Pasadena embrace visitors? What evidence exists regarding after-hours issues listed in the email? I believe the Brookside Golf Club is the largest exclusive club in the Arroyo, not the Roving Archers to rebut that claim. Their list of reasons why the Roving Archers should move simply does not make sense and raises the red flag for me. Who are the people behind the Stewards of Public Land and what is their true agenda? If it's about green space and nature, then they need to do some homework before they go posting lies to informed, educated citizens like me.

Sincerely, Kristy Clougherty

Begin forwarded message:

Date: January 27, 2015 at 11:23:00 AM PST

Subject: Archery Showdown Monday February 2 - Pasadena City Hall

From: Stewards of Public Land < sopl@stewardsofpublicland.org>

To: undisclosed-recipients:;

# **URGENT! HELP NEEDED! URGENT!**

The hotly contested debate over the use of approximately one half of the Lower Arroyo for the exclusive use of a private club, the Pasadena Roving Archers, will come before the City Council again on *Monday*, *2 February 2015*, 6:30 pm.

PLEASE WRITE TO THE CITY COUNCIL **NOW** – and ask that a fair and safe plan be established for the use of the Archery Range. The Pasadena Police Department agrees that the current situation is dangerous. Those of us who use the Lower Arroyo know that it is *just a matter of time before someone* – *on or off the Range* – *will be hit by an arrow, and we pray it will not be fatal.* 

## Send your letters to:

- the Mayor and City Council, at bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net or
- to the City Clerk, Mark Jomsky at mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net

### WHY:

- There has been a tremendous expansion in archery use in the Lower Arroyo in recent years, overburdening what Pasadena has designated a "nature preservation area."
- It is unacceptable that a private group has control of almost half of the usable open space in the Lower Arroyo.
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- Today's bows and arrows are powerful and lethal weapons.
- Conflicts between archers and other users of the Arroyo are increasing.
- There are numerous reports of arrows almost hitting pedestrians and/or joggers.
- Archers come from throughout LA County and few are Pasadena residents.
- There is drinking, smoking and shooting arrows even after nightfall.

### A Solution:

- Limit the days and hours when the Archery Range is open to weekends only.
- Improve signage and use flags to alert pedestrians and others when the Range is open for archery use.
- Targets must be closed and locked when the Range is closed.
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• Establish an Olympic-sized Target Range in Eaton Canyon, **NOW**, on the site of the former Police Shooting Range. Eaton Canyon offers a safer site with improved visibility, fewer trees and convenient parking.

Subject:

FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

**From:** Louislian Colon [mailto:louislianf@gmail.com] **Sent:** Saturday, September 27, 2014 1:13 PM

To: City\_Council

Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Hello,

I enjoy been at the park, and safely learn and practice the sport of archery.

This park it's been around for more than 80 years and never had an accident or any type of not recreational park to the public.

The park is open to the public and is recreational for any type activities, so that any family, group of friends etc enjoy a wonderful day and learn new skills.

Let's keep the tradition to preserve and make Pasadena Roving Archery be part of California history. Thank You.

With Regard, Louislian Colon Actor/Performer

## Stewart, Jana

From:

Jim Consolo <hangarpilot.jc@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, September 05, 2014 8:24 AM

To:

City\_Council

Cc: Subject: city\_letters@rovingarchers.com Save the Pasadena Roving Archers

To whom it may concern at the Pasadena City Council,

Several months ago my daughters Girl Scout Troop had the awesome opportunity to learn archery at the Lower Arroyo with the Pasadena Roving Archers. All the girls, and Parents, had a wonderful and safe time. For whatever the reason, there appears to be an assault on this organization. I understand that the facets of the contract regarding the Pasadena Roving Archers is currently under review, and there appears to be numerous details and changes that you are forcing upon them in this new contract, that if incorporated, would be detrimental to its existence. It appears too, that there are many rumors being circulated that the Pasadena Roving Archers are making demands to take over an ever larger portion of the park, and desire to close hiking trails etc. to expand their range area. Not true! They simply desire to retain what is already established. No more no less.

In reply, I would first like to start by saying that in todays technological age, that many of todays youth have unfortunately become caught up in the fascination of electronic devices. I have a deal of concern and aggravation about this internalized world of electronic devices that todays children have, and are focusing on. There are many reasons for this change in society, busy parents, higher risks for our children to play outside as we all used to do as kids, whatever. In any case, I am a great supporter of our kids getting outside and experiencing the world outside of a computer, IPAD, IPOD, Nintendo, XBOX, you name it. But todays children are growing up differently than you and I did. These kids are growing up without having any skills, abilities, talents, or hobbies. Our schools have eliminated what some of us remember as "shop". We may have also learned many skills in our homes, but many junior high schools, and high schools also used to teach wood shop, electronics, auto repair, home economics, whatever. The point being that our kids are growing up not knowing or possessing any skills, or knowledge about how to do anything other that what can be done on a 2" tall by 3.5" wide screen. That's their world! That's it! Now don't get me wrong, I am an adamant supporter of the "Arts" as well. Whether it be playing musical instruments, which I did too, or dance, which my children do now, I believe that our children are starved for activities that encourage them to go outside the house, notice that the sun is out, experience the wind in their face, and birds in the trees. You do not see kids playing outside the way you and I did as kids.

Please help our children learn about more of the many skills, sports, hobbies, and interests that exist outside of the four walls inside their house. We hear frequently on TV and radio, that todays youth are increasingly becoming obese. Its true, our kids are not getting enough exercise...period! Lets not continue societies vendetta to teach and establish a sedentary life style to our kids. Please do not force changes upon the Pasadena Roving Archers such that they can no longer exist. Please do not pull one more thing away from our kids that will further limit their world to an electronic device in the palm of their hand in their bedroom. Lets get outside and experience the world and each other. I trust that you will make the right decision.

Best Regards Jim Consolo

From: cityclerk

**Subject:** FW: Lower Arroyo - Public space vs. Roving Archers

---- Original Message -----

From: Bette Cooper

To: bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:27 PM

Subject: Lower Arroyo - Public space vs. Roving Archers

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

What I find puzzling is that the lower Arroyo is public space, and there is a PRIVATE club, the Pasadena Roving Archers there. Why is this even a question? Obviously, it is! As a member of the public, I love to walk in the Arroyo, on the east side, the west side, to the north up to the 1st bridge, south to the San Pasqual bridge and back. It's lovely to walk through the allowable area near where the archers are shooting their arrows, and I'll tell you it makes one nervous. You get one disgruntled archer, one careless archer, one beginner archer aiming in the wrong direction and one of us is going to be hit. The Arroyo is and should be a place of contemplation, peace, reflection, exercise, camraderie and enjoyment. Instead, if you go anywhere near the archers, your level of alertness is heightened dramatically. This should not be the case.

Please take action that works best for the Pasadena residents and the neighboring cities who like the Arroyo for its beauty and peace.

There is an accident waiting to happen, and I for one don't want to be involved in that.

What's going to happen when the La Loma Bridge fixer upper is going on? Has anyone thought of that angle?

Regards,

Bette Cooper

## Jomsky, Mark

From:

Doug Cooper <dougc@pobox.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 11, 2014 10:49 AM

To:

City Council

Cc:

Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com Please preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Subject: Attachments:

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My family enjoys taking the archery classes at the Lower Arroyo Archery Range, and has for several years. Please keep this historic part of the local culture preserved for everyone's use. Thank you!

City Clerk Mark Jomsky - please include this letter in the agenda for the review meeting. Thanks!



From: cityclerk

**Subject:** FW: Roving Archers

**From:** George Corey [mailto:grcorey@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 11:46 AM

**To:** Bogaard, Bill; Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Roving Archers

Hello,

I am a 32 year resident of Western Pasadena (487 California Terrace), former board member of the WPRA, and daily walker in the Lower Arroyo.

It is distressing that the Roving Archers, as a private group many of whom are not even Pasadena residents, have been given priority over those of us who live nearby or use the "public" arroyo for recreation.

The points brought up by the Stewards for Public Land are on the mark and I repeat them below in case you have not received them.

Thank you, George Corey

- There has been a tremendous expansion in archery use in the Lower Arroyo in recent years, overburdening what Pasadena has designated a "nature preservation area."
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From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Catherine Curtis [mailto:cc@s-gllp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 2:06 PM

To: City Council

**Cc:** <u>city letters@rovingarchers.com</u> **Subject:** Lower Arroyo Archery Range

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a volunteer archery instructor at the Los Angeles Rancho Park city range, I would like to voice my support for the continued existence of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. I request that this letter be included in the agenda packet for the meeting on this subject.

I became involved in archery about 5 years ago and have since that time devoted myself to the sport, shooting 4 to 5 days a week, taking instructor certification classes and participating in the weekly free instruction classes our range offers as well as supervising the shooting line during open shooting times. In that time, I have seen archery explode in interest. While we have always enjoyed packed classes and crowded shooting lines, the spate of films and TV shows like Hunger Games, The Avengers, Arrow, and Brave have caused a crush of interest (particularly among young women) such that our classes turn away many people each week. With our range currently closed for renovation, our archers have been compelled to disperse to the few limited public resources Los Angeles County – one of the largest and most populous counties in the nation -- has to offer.

The Lower Arroyo Archery range is one of two public field ranges available in a metropolitan area of 10 million people. Although our sport does not enjoy the same high profile as hiking, soccer and the like, it has a significant and burgeoning base of practitioners. For Rancho Park to fulfill its mandate of encouraging Olympic style archery to make our nation competitive on the international scene, Los Angeles archers need the resources to practice. Taking the Lower Arroyo Range out of the equation only burdens Woodley and Rancho Park (beyond even what our current expansion hopes to accommodate) and for no particularly good purpose.

It is a shame that such a large, cosmopolitan and modern metropolitan area has so few facilities for this fast rising sport in the first place. To rob it of its most historic facility is shortsighted, foolish and utterly unnecessary. We may be under the radar of the yoga crowd now, but archery will become a significant sport in a city with perfect year-round weather for it and closing this range will not look particularly wise in retrospect.

Thank you for taking my comments under consideration.

Regards,

Catherine Curtis



October 10, 2014

Pasadena City Council 100 N Garfield Ave Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Councilmembers,

As a 31 year resident of the Pasadena area (South Pasadena, Pasadena, and Altadena), and a business owner in Pasadena for the past 20 years, I am writing to support the ongoing full time presence of the archery range in the Lower Arroyo. This facility has a long history in our community, and serves the needs of many residents. It provides a unique opportunity for recreation and socialization for many people.

As a Pediatrician who works with special needs children, I have personally witnessed the transforming power of a sport like archery in my patient population. I have several young patients who belong to the Pasadena Roving Archers. The focus and concentration necessary in this sport provides these children—who often have limitations in this area—a fun and non-academic means of practicing these skills. The opportunity to socialize with other neurotypical children while participating in a structured activity is enormously helpful to children with special needs. For some children with physical challenges, archery provides them with their only opportunity to participate in a sport. Finally, the opportunity to compete on an equal playing field with other children bolsters self-esteem.

The Archery Range as it currently exists has a perfect safety record. As I understand it, there are proposals before the Council for additional safety precautions, including erecting natural barriers that prevent pedestrians from crossing the shooting lanes. These safety steps are always a good idea.

It would be an enormous mistake to close or limit the hours of operation of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. This facility serves many people, and has a unique place in our community. Outdoor recreation of all types that can be accessed by all residents – both able bodied and disabled - should be supported by all citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Diane Danis, M.D., M.P.H.

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# Stewart, Jana

From:

Nicole Dazé <ladyguz@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Friday, August 29, 2014 10:42 PM

To:

City\_Council

Subject:

Please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Please preserve the historic lower arroyo archery range!

Nicole Daze 500 Douglas Street Pasadena, CA 91104

## Stewart, Jana

From:

Doug Dearing <dpdearing@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Monday, September 08, 2014 3:19 PM

To:

City\_Council

Subject:

Support for the Roving Archers

## Good day,

I'd like to voice my support for the Roving Archers in Pasadena. I understand there is a challenge for the renewal of their charter or permit to provide archery services in the Lower Arroyo. This is a terrific group that has been a member of this community for decades. I used to come to the arroyo as a teenager to use the archery ranges, and now have brought my own kids and their friends, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts back to the scene. The nostalgia alone is worth preserving. But more than that, these folks are providing a service to the community which I and my family and friends enjoy.

Please do not force the closure of these grounds to enthusiasts of this passtime. There are plenty of places we can go to hike, to bike, and to enjoy the outdoors. Well run archery ranges are few and far between.

Respectfully yours,

Doug Dearing

From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Robert DeBlasis [mailto:rjdeb@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 6:50 AM

To: City\_Council

Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city letters@rovingarchers.com

Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

I am a 45 year resident of Pasadena. I live very near the Lower Arroyo and I own three other homes in the area. The Archery Range has no negative impact on the use of the Lower Arroyo. I believe that there is a misunderstood perception among some people with regard to the Archery Range function and the way in which it operates. There is also a false stigma attached in that it may not be seen as "PC" enough. Rather than say this, certain people will claim that they are concerned about "safety" or that it takes away use from hikers, joggers, equestrians, etc. It is not unsafe and it does not take away these and other uses of the Lower Arroyo. These are facts.

I fully support the continuation of this historic 80 year old NFAA field archery range on which thousands of people are taught the basics of archery each year by an all volunteer organization that also maintains the range and pays the city for the privilege to do so. This range is important to the city in that it helps to maintain our position as a city with many unique and diverse recreational opportunities.

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

Thank you, Robert DeBlasis 183 Kenworthy Dr Pasadena, 91105