

Dear Mayor of Pasadena and City Council Members,

I have heard that the city is thinking about closing down the Pasadena Roving Archers at Arroyo Park. I go there every Saturday morning and I enjoy it immensely. It is my favorite day of the week. I have made friends there and I look forward to coeing them when I go to class every Saturday. Everybody in the childrens class loves Jim, the head instructor, we ask him to to a question of always cheers us on and he always cheers us on and helps us. He and all the other always make sure that we are sate. Every class emphasizes the importance of sate ty. All the instructors pay close attention to you individually help us in prove more than any help us in prove more than any

other sport that I have purt aparted in The club provides equipment so that everyone who is interested in archery can participale.

I love going there because I discovered that refers to smy favorite sport, and they and happy, I hope that one day that I will be able to compete.

I feel that these instructions do everything they can to help make my dreams come true.

I love Arroyo Park in Pasadena, I also love by Pasadena, Please don't but it down.

sincerely,

Ella M. Tamny

Stewart, Jana

From:

Taylor, Scott <Scott.Taylor@NexusIS.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 5:15 PM

To:

City_Council

Subject:

Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To whom it may concern,

While I am not a resident of Pasadena, I do occasionally utilize the range. Generally this is when I am coming back from LA or beyond and the traffic is heavy. I try to walk the range and then catch some dinner to let the traffic die down. I really don't understand the seemly constant opposition to this range. I find that it is very accessible and when I am there I share the trail with a number of other people I.e. Walkers and runners. It would be unfortunate if this range was closed or reduced in size.

Sincerely

Scott Taylor

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Jomsky, Mark

From:

Kathleen <kathleen.arroyo@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, August 30, 2014 8:47 AM

To: Cc: City_Council Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Please help preserve the Archery Range! I have been coming to the range for several months now. It is an amazing community experience. Not only is it situated in a beautiful natural area, but the sense of community togetherness is amazing. Every time that I come to the range, whether on Saturdays for the Roving Archers classes or throughout the week on my own, I have always seen hikers, joggers and dog walkers welcome near and around the range, coexisting with archers. I myself grew up hiking in the Lower Arroyo, never having felt excluded from using the area. In order to shoot on the range, you are required to take a beginners course to be certified in archery basics and safety. I have never felt unsafe the many times I have been at the Lower Arroyo. The range should be preserved and kept as the historical gem it is in Pasadena.

Please include this message in the agenda packet for the upcoming meeting.

Kathleen Arroyo Tfaily

Iraheta, Alba

Subject:

From: Catherine Tung < tung.catherine@gmail.com>

Date: September 18, 2013, 8:55:53 PM PDT To: < city_council@cityofpasadena.net> Cc: < city_letters@rovingarchers.com>

FW:

Dear Honorable Mayor Bogaard and City Council.

My name is Catherine Tung and I live at 534 N. Los Robles in Councilman Kennedy's district. I support the proposed continuation of the historic archery range in the Lower Arroyo and the terms of the agreement with the Pasadena Roving Archers. I've been to the range a few times and have immensely enjoyed the activities offered there. The instructors emphasized safety above all and consistently reinforced the safety rules.

Sincerely, Catherine Tung

Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

RE: Recommendations Regarding Use of the Lower Arroyo Seco Archery Range

From: Bill Urban [mailto:bill.urban@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 11:33 AM

Subject: Recommendations Regarding Use of the Lower Arroyo Seco Archery Range

Mayor Bogaard and Pasadena City Council,

I understand the City Council will soon take up use of the Lower Arroyo Seco Archery Range. At its last meeting (September 3) the WPRA Board decided to remind you of our position on this issue.

Last year, the WPRA conducted an extensive review of the City's approach to resolving the issues related to the Pasadena Roving Archers' (PRA) use of the archery range in the Lower Arroyo Seco. We heard concerns from both the Roving Archers and local residents. Our conclusions were sent to you in the attached letter, dated September 4, 2013. In summary, we concluded that

- Archery is included as an integral part of the Lower Arroyo Seco natural preservation area as set forth in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan (LAMP) that was adopted by the City Council on September 29, 2003. WPRA supports this continued use.
- Trails to be used by archers and those for walkers are clearly delineated in the LAMP. These should continue to be used as described.
- Safety concerns are an issue for everyone and must be addressed by the City of Pasadena, even though there have been no reported injuries during the past 65 or so years that archers have pursued their sport in the lower Arroyo Seco. We made three recommendations for improving safety, which are described in the letter.

Thank you for your continued efforts to develop a fair resolution to this important issue.

Bill Urban WPRA Past President

P.S. Distribution of this email is listed on the second page of the attached document.



September 10, 2013

Via E-Mail
Pasadena Mayor, Honorable Bill Bogaard, and Pasadena City Council

Re: Recommendations Regarding Use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

The West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA) appreciates the excellent cooperation we have gotten from City staff and the great interest shown by our WPRA members as we worked to offer informed recommendations and opinions regarding use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

The WPRA established a committee to review the City's approach to resolving the issues related to the Pasadena Roving Archers' (PRA) use of the archery range in the Lower Arroyo Seco. The committee heard concerns from both the Roving Archers and local residents. The committee's recommendations were discussed at the WPRA board meeting on September 4, 2013. WPRA's conclusions are as follows:

- 1. Archery is included as an integral part of the Lower Arroyo Seco natural preservation area as set forth in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan (LAMP) that was adopted by the City Council on September 29, 2003. WPRA supports this continued use.
- 2. During the Arroyo Seco Master Planning (ASMP) process that was fully supported by WPRA, no one spoke up suggesting that archery be removed. Furthermore, there were no reported problems of interference of walkers, joggers or equestrians with archers.
- 3. Trails to be used by archers and those for walkers are clearly delineated in the LAMP. These should continue to be used as described.
- 4. Safety concerns are an issue for everyone and must be addressed by the City of Pasadena, even though there have been no reported injuries during the past 65 or so years that archers have pursued their sport in the lower Arroyo Seco.
 - A. Clearly posting and enforcing rules for archers and other users of the Lower Arroyo Seco is critical. This includes timely installation of signs and natural barriers in accordance with design guidelines in the LAMP.
 - B. The City, in coordination with PRA, should certify and identify people authorized to use the range or provide instruction to people not yet authorized.
 - C. The rules for use of the Lower Arroyo, especially the archery range and adjacent areas, should be adopted as City Ordinances, so they can be enforced with appropriate penalties.

5. We believe that the 14 targets identified in the LAMP for the Southern Range in Section 4.3.5 is an error. The Northern Range targets should number 14 in Section 4.3.4, and the Southern Range targets should number 28, which is consistent with usage that can be documented by the PRA and City staff. The City Council should take necessary action to clarify in the LAMP the correct number of archery targets for each range.

Thank you for your consideration and continued effort to develop and implement a fair resolution on this important issue affecting both our residents and our historic park.

Sincerely,

William Urban WPRA President

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Buchanan, Rita

From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: Preservation of Historic Arroyo Archery Range

From: Susan Vincent [mailto:suebug717@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 6:59 PM

To: City_Council

Subject: Preservation of Historic Arroyo Archery Range

To: The Mayor and Council of the City of Pasadena

Please preserve the Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range, the oldest Field Archery Range in the country.

Susan Vincent



National Field Archery Association

800 Archery Lane Yankton, SD 57078

September 25, 2014

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Pasadena City Council,

We at the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) are writing on behalf of the Pasadena Roving Archers. The NFAA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the sport of archery, and is the largest field archery organization in the World. Founded in 1939, the NFAA consists of 49-chartered state associations and nearly 1,000 affiliated clubs.

The Pasadena Roving Archers are one of the oldest NFAA chartered clubs and the **historic** range at Lower Arroyo Seco Park, constructed in 1935, is one of the **oldest surviving** NFAA Field Ranges in the country. Since 1964, the club has provided free archery lessons to children and adults in the surrounding communities and offers a family-friendly alternative to couch surfing and video games. The club has shown success through its numerous state, regional, national and international archery champions.

Many opponents of the range argue that archery is an unsafe sport. Archery is actually considered one of the safest sports and has far less injuries than other popular field sports. All members of the Pasadena Roving Archers are vetted in proper safety measures and the club has remained incident free. Simple whistle systems and range rules provide a safe environment for all participants.

We hope that you will strongly consider saving the historic range at the Lower Arroyo Seco Park. It is important to us as a sport and an organization that we work to preserve these remaining field courses so future generations can enjoy the sport we love.

Thank you for your consideration.

Natalie Vollmer

Natalie Vollmer, NFAA Executive Secretary

Buchanan, Rita

From:

Stewart, Jana

Sent:

Tuesday, September 09, 2014 2:09 PM

To:

Buchanan, Rita

Subject:

FW: Council members please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

Hi Rita, for your file...thanks!

Jana Stewart

Office of the Mayor & City Council

----Original Message-----

From: samvoner@yahoo.com [mailto:samvoner@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:58 PM

To: City_Council

Subject: Council members please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

The range is a Pasadena treasure.

Stewart, Jana

From:

Bruce Ward <genebruce@aol.com>

Sent:

Friday, September 05, 2014 12:52 PM

To:

City_Council

Cc: Subject: city_letters@rovingarchers.com

Pasadena Roving Archers

Please don't let the egos of a few wealthy people ruin an institution that has been in Pasadena in that location for almost 80 years and has served thousands of children in the area in learning the art of archery.

The group opposing the range are claiming the archery club wants exclusive use of the area closing down hiking trails in the arroyo , this is simply not true! The use of hiking trails that run through the range should be limited when archers are shooting that only makes sense. Just because I live in Pasadena doesn't mean I should be able to walk down the middle of Colorado BI. whenever I want just because they do on New Year's Day .

We were at one of the big invitational shoots there earlier this year when a woman came walking through the course at a high rate of speed with a nasty look on her face (as if to say " don't you know who I am ") almost knocking my 4 year old granddaughter to the ground, obviously looking for trouble. Lucky for every one involved she didn't walk in front of someone while they were shooting. Im sure she would rather hire someone to do that for her if need be.

Consider renewing the annual contract and the 80 year old safety record of the Pasadena Roving Archers range which is a Pasadena institution as well known as the parade on January 1st in the archery world, alive and well.

Again, please don't fold to the wishes and misinformation of a few privileged people who seem to think they own the whole arroyo as far as they can see (or hear but that's another matter) they won't let the truth get in the way of them getting what they want.

Thank You, Bruce Ward Sent from my iPad



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Toi Treister

We are writing to strongly oppose any proposed new restrictions on the public use of land in the Lower Arroyo. Over the past 25 years, the Armory Center for the Arts, in partnership with Pasadena Water and Power, Pasadena Public Works, and the Pasadena Unified School District, has used the Lower Arroyo as a science learning lab and outdoor art classroom for thousands of students through our program *Children Investigate the Environment* (CIE). Students that normally do not have the opportunity to learn about issues of ecology, geology and conservation are given field experiences and hands on learning in this wonderful example of native California natural habitat. The Lower Arroyo, which the City transformed from a concrete channel full of invasive plant species back into a natural stream with native vegetation, is a perfect example of the positive role humans can have on the environment.

Through the Armory's ten week CIE program, students learn what it means to know, enjoy, and ultimately respect and protect our natural resources. By limiting access to this area, hundreds of students from our local PUSD schools will not have access to this resource, which belongs to all Pasadenans. Please do not allow the passage of the upcoming proposal, which would restrict much of the Lower Arroyo for the exclusive use by archers.

Included are photographs showing children from all of our PUSD schools and neighborhoods during our *Children Investigate the Environment* program. Please feel free to contact us for further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Mayor Bill Bogaard

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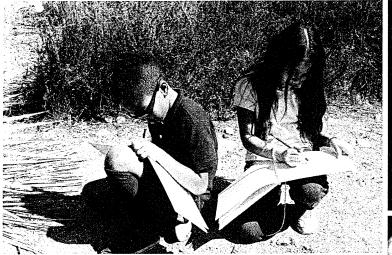
Dear Bill:

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Executive Director
Armory Center for the Arts

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Armory Center for the Arts

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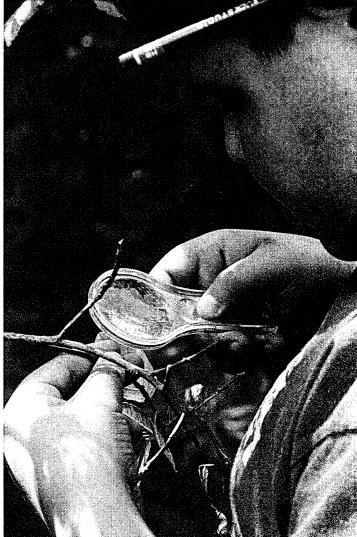


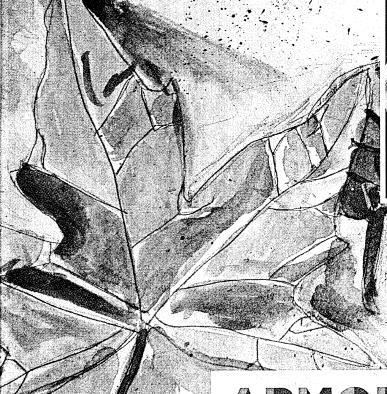
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Children Investigate the Environment Lower Arroyo, Pasadena

Iraheta, Alba

From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Rachel Weber [mailto:rachel.weber.sb@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 1:25 PM

To: City_Council

Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Dear City Council Members,

I'm a Pasadena resident and the Lower Arroyo Archery Range is very important to me. Please preserve this unique community resource as it is.

Sincerely,

Rachel Weber 355 S. Los Robles Ave, unit 344 Pasadena, CA 91101

Iraheta, Alba

From:

cityclerk

Subject:

FW: City Council Agenda Feb 2, 2015 - Archery Range

Attachments:

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Hello Mr. Jomsky,

Pasadena Roving Archers president Gary Spiers has notified me that the document to which I referred in my comments of 12-15-2014 is not the document being considered by the council. the Proposed Deal Points of February. 2014 are to be discussed. Attached please find my reviesed comments that refere to the February 2014 document. Please delete my previous comments and replace them with the updated version.

Thank you and best wishes,

Van Webster Secretary, director of Instruction Pasadena Roving Archers President, Webster Communications 607 North Avenue 64 Los Angeles, CA 90042 323-258-6741 vanwebster@aol.com

Comments to the City of Pasadena City Council Agenda 1-24-2015

by Van Webster

Pasadena Roving Archers has a 80 year history of safe operation of its archery range activities. The archery instruction program at PRA is one of the most successful, regularly scheduled recreation offerings in the City of Pasadena. PRA's classes have a national and even an international reputation for excellence. Instructors and program directors from around the country have visited Pasadena to observe and learn from the Pasadena Roving Archers' operations. If the city were to try to replicate the PRA instruction program with a paid staff, the cost to the city would run well into six figures.

As a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization with an all volunteer staff, PRA provides a safe and hugely enjoyable archery experience for people of all ages. PRA and its programs are an important contribution to the city's recreational landscape.

PRA is not a commercial business. While I am opposed in principle to the idea of monetizing public recreational activities, PRA is willing to provide a reasonable portion of our range use revenue to the city for the use of park land with the provision for adequate allowances for maintenance and charitable donations outside of range use.

The proposed division of the southern archery range into Area A and Area B appears to be motivated more by politics and than by practicality. The archery range is the archery range. It should not be divided. There are ways to ensure the safe use of the range area that provides access for archers while protecting all the park users.

PRA is eager to engage in negotiations to reach an operating agreement that best fits the needs of the city, the general public and the archery community. I respectfully request that the City council *not* adopt any proposal that will limit the size and operating hours of the archer range from their present condition. I further request that the City Council direct the staff to actively and creatively engage in good faith negotiations with Pasadena Roving Archers and the archery community to craft an agreement that is both productive and practical.

The current proposal before the City Council is neither.

Comments on the proposed Deal Points for License and Operating Agreement with PRA

1. Revenue Basis and Calculation

In reference to the Revenue Sharing segment of the deal points, I believe it is important to clearly understand that what is being described here is a City

Recreational Use Tax. The proposed 300% increase in PRA's fees to 30% of our gross revenue plus a parochial 33% tax surcharge because our reach is regional and not just to local residents, represents a chilling direction in parks and recreation funding and administration. As noted by staff the two other field archery ranges located on public lands in Southern California have exclusive use of their property and pay no, or a nominal fee for recreational use. In addition, Los Angeles County requires only a 15% fee for the use of county property by recreation programs. This proposed 40% city tax on recreational gross revenue is both punitive and counterproductive.

The deal points in this proposed operating agreement have been offered as a model for all public/private recreational use agreements within the city. While a well established, non profit charitable organization, such as PRA, will be able to absorb this additional tax expense, there are many recreational groups within the city that may not survive under such severe financial pressure... or they may not even chose to start up. If this scale of taxation is implemented across the recreational landscape in Pasadena, a few years down the line you'll be looking a barren wasteland of decimated programs and nothing like the revenue increases for the city that were envisioned.

I would urge the City Council to reconsider their initiatives for monetizing recreation in the City of Pasadena.

2. Maintenance Allowance

The minimum deduction for range maintenance should be determined from PRA's costs and be no less that \$5000.00 per year. An increase in the range use fees paid to the city will result in a necessary increase in the fees PRA charges to the public for its program and events.

3. Provision of Documents

- .a. The PRA membership roster is not a public document. PRA should only provide member names and Zip codes.
- b. Providing a roster of students to the city within two days of class completion is beyond the scope of PRA's resources. It is also a violation of personal privacy. PRA can provide a written "Class Completion" certificate to safety class participants who can then present the certificate to the city for issuance of a range use permit card.

A valid PRA membership card, properly displayed, shall also constitute adequate credentialing for use of the range during public hours.

- c. A list of user fees is reasonable and can be provided to the city as noted.
- d. PRA already provides financial reports to the city. Quarterly reports are possible if also required of other park users.

- e. Archery range safety inspections are conducted annually by the NFAA. The city can be notified of the expected inspection dates and will receive a copy of the written report within 10 days as specified.
- f. PRA currently provides a bi-annual use schedule of PRA activities and will continue to do so.
- 4. Safety Training Class. Safety Training Class PRA will offer a Safety and Orientation class once a week, weather permitting. We will provide documentation of the completion of the Safety and Orientation class to the participants in these classes in written form.
- 5. PRA will review the credentials of experienced archers and provide a written exemption to the safety class if the archer is properly qualified.
- 6. Credential Issuance. PRA can provide a range safety class and issue a certification of completion. The archer is then responsible for presenting the certificate of completion to the city that can then register the archer and issue range use credentials. A valid PRA membership card, openly displayed, shall constitute day use range credentials. PRA is not able to provide a written list of persons completing the Safety class within a 2 working day time limit. 15 days might be reasonable.
- 7. Storage Container. PRA is not able to reduce the size of the on site storage container as its contents are essential for PRA class and tournament operations. The storage container can be removed after the completion of construction of a permanent, on-site club house facility.
- 8. Vehicular Restriction and Parking

Parking for public use shall be in the designated parking lot and off site in legal parking spaces as needed. PRA will have vehicular access for range maintenance and deliveries. One parking space in the Lower Arroyo parking lot will be designated for exclusive PRA use on weekends.

Off site parking and carpooling will be encouraged for participants in PRA activities. No restriction on the use of legal public parking places in the Lower Arroyo parking lot or on the adjoining streets shall be imposed on any PRA activity.

9. Insurance

PRA provides liability insurance to the City of Pasadena with an appropriate insurance certificate naming the City as Additional Loss Payee.

10. PRA currently maintains and will continue to maintain the archery related facilities in the park including the target bales, position markers, bow racks and benches. PRA shall be given a reasonable allowance (See item 2 above) for the

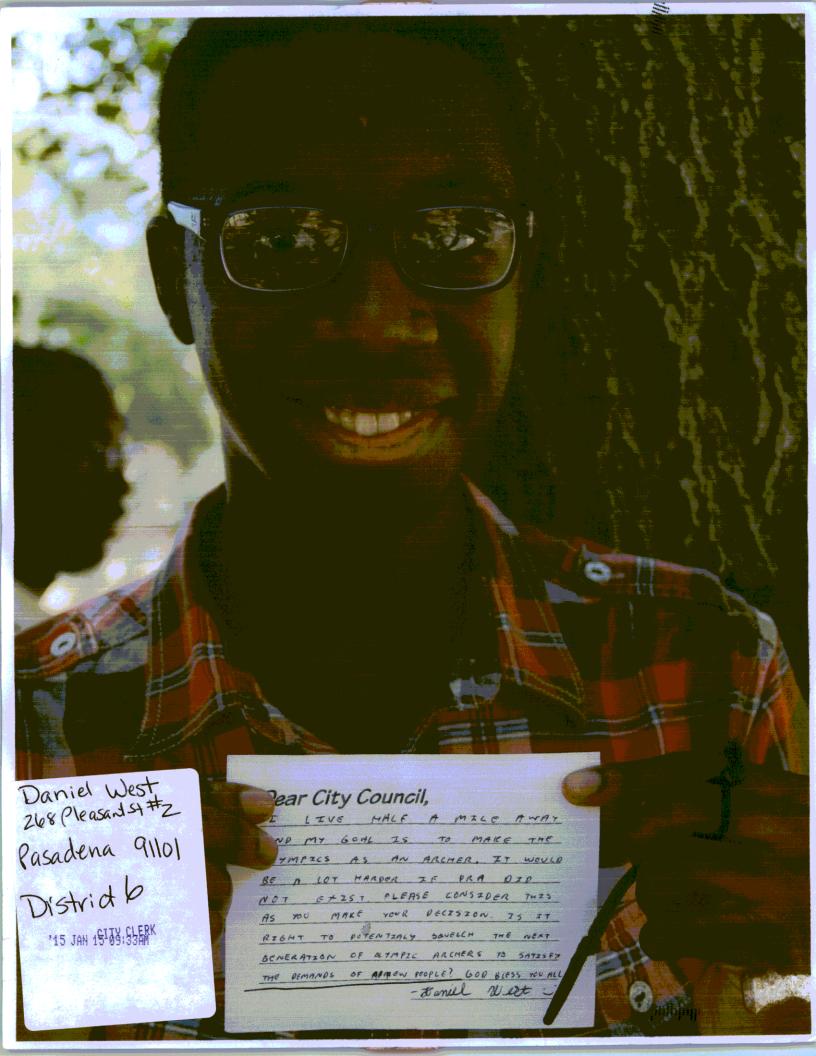
maintenance of the archery facilities before the determination of revenue for user fee calculation.

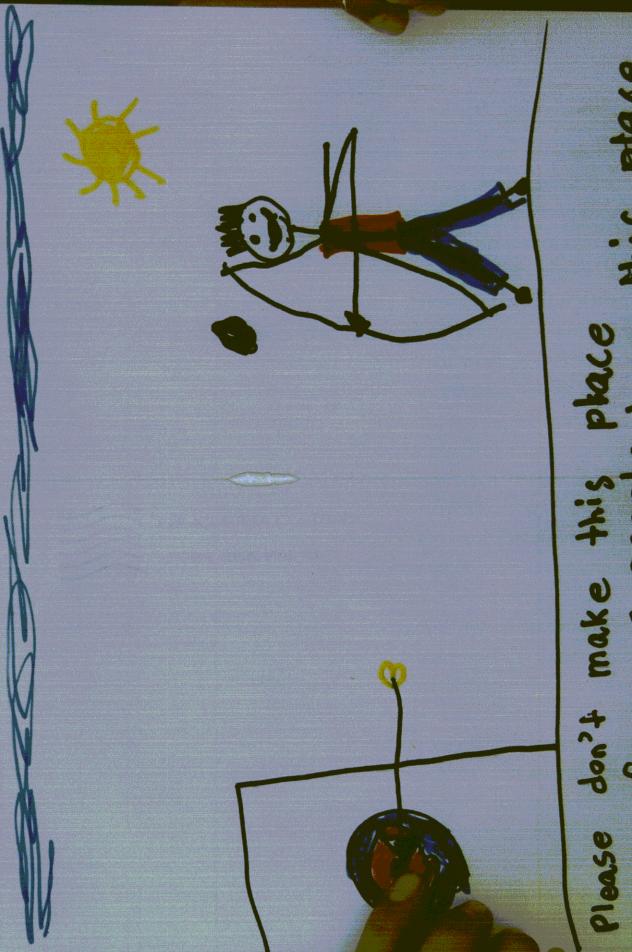
- 11. PRA shall be responsible for the installation and removal of all temporary targets used in the Lower Arroyo archery range. Temporary targets shall be removed after the conclusion of each archery event.
- 12. PRA provides on-site monitors of all PRA activities. There is no evidence that any PRA tournament activity is of any greater risk to the public than other PRA activities. (The number of weekly PRA class participants exceeds the number of participants in Invitational tournaments.) There have been no reported incidents involving participants at PRA events or classes. No additional Police Department security is justified at this time.
- 13. All PRA instructors hold current certifications from USA Archery and/or the National Field Archery Association.
- 14. Waiver forms, releasing the City from liability, are signed by all participants in PRA activities.
- 15. PRA maintains a web site and a Facebook page promoting our activities to the citizens of Pasadena and the surrounding communities. Local press and electronic media frequently provide coverage of our instructional activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Van Webster
USA Archery Level 4 Coach
Director of Instruction
Secretary
8 term (past) Vice President
Pasadena Roving Archers

President
Webster Communications
607 North Avenue 64
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please don't make this place this place close forever people love this place

From Lana West, age 7 268 Pleasant St #2 Readena 91101

Iraheta, Alba

From: cityclerk

Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Greg Wiatroski [mailto:wiatrog@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 30, 2014 1:53 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to express my gratitude for the Lower Arroyo archery range. I've shot there on and off for years and the free lessons they offer have introduced my child and countless others to this great sport. They have an impeccable safety record and have are a Pasadena institution.

While I don't live in Pasadena, I will often grab lunch in the area after shooting. So in addition to be a safe, wholesome sport, I daresay its driving a fair amount of dollars to local Pasadena businesses as well.

I urge you to continue to support the range as you have done for the last 80 or so years.

Thanks,

Greg Wiatroski 3551 El Lado DR Glendale, CA 91208

Jomsky, Mark

From: Monica Wilson <mwilson@ieminc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 8:34 AM

To: City_Council

Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com

Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To: The Mayor and Council of the City of Pasadena

Please preserve the **Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range**, the oldest Field Archery Range in the country. I first saw this archery range several years ago while hiking in the Lower Arroyo. It was fun to see a unique sport like archery being promoted and practiced at this range. Learning about its historic significance makes it even more interesting.

As archery has became more popular, through books and movies, it is important to continue the support or archery in Pasadena. I am a teacher that oversees the education of home schoolers. Two of my students take lessons at the Lower Arroyo Archery Range and it is a huge part of their lives. I would hate for them to lose this important place to practice their skills and grow in one of their favorite pastimes.

I urge you to support the continuation of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Monica Wilson
Education Specialist
Sky Mountain Charter School
562-713-2083

Stewart, Jana

From:

Simone Wilson <ssoniwilson@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 3:32 PM

To:

City_Council

Subject:

Lower arroyo archery

Please consider the importance of the LAAR and it's contribution to the community teaching and providing a safe environment for people of all ages to learn and practice archery. Members work tirelessly to maintain a safe, clean range. Being able to practice a sport we love while enjoying the natural beauty of the area is a privilege we don't take lightly. Please do whatever is necessary to maintain Lower Arroyo Archery Range as it is.

Thank-you Simone Wilson

Buchanan, Rita

Subject:

FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: craig wisner [mailto:craigwisner@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2014 4:04 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

To Whom It May Concern,

I am deeply troubled by recent efforts to close the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. This range has been a part of Pasadena history for many, many decades and has been used by countless archers and families, young and old. Literally, generations have learned and will continue to learn the sport here, including myself and my children. The Pasadena Roving Archers have been selflessly teaching the public at this location as well. Their instruction is excellent and their beginning safety and orientation class is free to the public. One must line up at least an hour in advance to secure a spot in this class due to its popularity. It would be a tragedy to see this range disappear and Pasadena would be losing a piece of history in the Lower Arroyo.

I plan on attending the City Council meeting concerning this issue and will personally continue to oppose any threats to the range. I will be actively encouraging others to do so as well.

Thank You, Craig Wisner

Jomsky, Mark

From:

ioseph w <iosephiwong@me.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 02, 2014 12:03 AM

To: Cc: City_Council Jomsky, Mark

Subject:

Please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range!

(Please include this letter in the agenda packet for the meeting)

Dear City Council members,

I have been bringing my son to the free Saturday morning archery classes in the Lower Arroyo Archery Range for almost a year now. We began attending the classes when he was 4.5 years old and the instruction and dedication shown by the volunteers have been nothing short of incredible. They are truly selfless ambassadors to the safety and sport of archery to the dozens of children that attend these classes weekly. Not once have I ever witnessed any unsafe behavior with any of the archers during the weekend class or during personal range visits during the week when i bring my son there to practice. I have also hiked the trails surrounding the archery range and truly appreciate the beauty of the Lower Arroyo. I am a resident of Glendale, but in the past year alone, my family has easily added over \$10,000 dollars of revenue to your city just from shopping and dining alone...mainly out of convenience due to the location of the range and it being the weekend. I ask you to please preserve one of the oldest archery ranges in our state and look at the impeccable safety record of the Pasadena Roving Archers when the time comes to decide on the fate of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wong 2222 Lenore Dr. Glendale, Ca 91206

Buchanan, Rita

From:

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Subject:

FW: Archery Range

From: Wu, James [mailto:JamesWu@mednet.ucla.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 6:21 PM

To: City_Council

Subject:

To the city council,

The Pasadena Field Archery Range is a wonderful resource with a tremendous history. PLEASE PRESERVE IT. All of the operators at Pasadena Roving Archery are wonderful individuals.

James Wu Resident, General Surgery UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine Email: <u>JamesWu@mednet.ucla.edu</u>

Cell: 303-518-3186

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January 28, 2015

Re: The Historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Members of the Pasadena City Council,

It has been brought to my attention that the City Council is currently reviewing a proposal to restrict usage of an area in the Arroyo that is currently occupied by the Archery Range. I understand that all of you have the best interest of the entire community in mind and want to express my views as a Pasadena small business owner and a user of the hiking trails throughout the Arroyo. My family and my extended family, which live and work in the Pasadena area and environ, are in full support of maintaining the Archery Range in the Lower Arroyo and keeping with the terms of agreement previously made with the Pasadena Roving Archers.

My name is Terri Yamate-Ottengheime and I am the president and owner of a Pasadena-based promotional products company. My husband is a full time educator at Pasadena Art Center College of Design, and my daughter is a high school student at the Waverly School in Pasadena. Not only are we active members in the community, but our daughter is also a member of the Pasadena Roving Archers JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) program and has been shooting archery for the past 5 years.

The Lower Arroyo is a beautiful setting and all of the archers are extremely respectful of the environment, the residents and the people involved in other activities that are enjoyed in the area (i.e. horseback riding, joggers, dog walkers, fly fisherman, etc.) In fact, I walk the trails of the Lower Arroyo 2 – 3 times a week and have always been met with extreme courtesy by the archers. It was on one of my walks with my daughter that she became interested in archery and decided to take up the sport. It has been an amazing experience to watch my 14-year-old daughter develop patience, strength and confidence through this incredible program, which is coached by a group of selfless and dedicated volunteers.

I strongly urge you to support the proposal to continue the usage of the proposed area as a full time archery range. There are very few archery ranges like this in the United States and it would be a shame to limit access to this treasure. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Terri Yamaté-Ottengheime

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Buchanan, Rita

Subject:

FW: Resident against closing Pasadena Archery

From: Jiyoung Yang [mailto:yjkevin0710@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 2:28 AM

To: City Council

Subject: Resident against closing Pasadena Archery

To whom this may concern.

I am a resident of Pasadena and I went to school and currently working in this great city.

I started archery about couple months ago as a meditation and as an exercise.

And you have no idea how greatful I was when I figured out that there is an archery(wonderful archery) in five minutes drive from my home.

Not that many cities offer this many entertaining places such as museums, parks, public services, and this includes Archery.

As a resident who loves Pasadena, I strongly suggest NOT TO CLOSE ARCHERY. This is one of many things that makes this city so unique and beautiful.

Jomsky, Mark

From: Ahrial <ahrialy@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 11:29 AM

To: City_Council

Cc: city_letters@rovingarchers.com.; Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Pasadena Roving Archers

Mayor Bogaard and Honorable Council members,

Three years ago our daughter Ahrial researched archery and found Pasadena Roving Archers. She was working through her ever growing list of goals gathered from books. As a family we attended the free safety lesson and were all hooked on the first day. Now, at seventeen, Ahrial is a member of PRA working on her level one instructors license and participating in the Junior Olympics archery program. I am completing my level two license and look forward to giving my time as an instructor.

Ahrial is following an interest, but her accomplishments at PRA, and the leadership lessons gained there will benefit her for life. For our family, PRA has been one of the unplanned, accidental events that add to the core of a family. The structured approach to archery and strict safety protocols used by Pasadena Roving Archers are models of disciplines, and founts for metaphors, which have enhanced our lives and serve us in the task of raising our wonderful daughter. It is clear Ahrial will go on to pursue things of wonder, certainly not solely because of PRA, but the lessons learned on the PRA range will definitely be a part of her successes. I know they have benefited my wife and me. Please ensure that Pasadena's historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range continues to be the vital place it has been for nearly 80 years, and that it be allowed to benefit many more generations of youth and their families.

Faithfully,

John Young and Donna Hollander

I ask this letter be included as part of the official records.

Stewart, Jana

From:

Tetsu Yoshimura <potatolazer@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 28, 2014 9:10 PM

To:

City_Council

Subject:

please save the lower arroyo archery range

Hello Pasadena city council. My name is Tetsu and I am an archer. I currently live in Torrance and drive up to Pasadena every weekend to shoot at the the range. When i first started archery four years ago I used to shoot at ElDorado Park. The shooting lessons i used to take there were alright and taught me the real basic stuff but i wanted to get better. I went to Pasadena to check out the PRA and was greeted by all the friendly people out there. I shot with their JOAD group and i loved it. For 3 years I've been going to the lower arroyo range and i plan to continue going there to shoot, so please do not let the range close.

I forgot to mention that the ElDorado and Pasadena range are the only outdoor ranges that i can go to, so if you decide to remove the lower arroyo range i literally have only one range to go to. Also, i prefer Pasadena over ElDorado because i think all the coaches at Pasadena are nice and helpful.

You do not understand the euphoria i experience while shooting at Pasadena. Please don't take away my joy. The thought of the lower arroyo range getting shut down actually made me cry a little.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and hopefully you choose to let the range stay.

-Tetsu

Stewart, Jana

From:

Don Zachary <dzachary@pacbell.net> Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:09 PM

Sent: To:

City_Council

Subject:

Lower Arroyo Archery Range

I sincerely hope that the Pasadena City Council will reject any attempt to close the archery range, which is a unique facility that is open to everyone. The facility not only provides a good source of family entertainment and exercise but also poses absolutely no threat to people who want to use the hiking trails. Even though I live in Glendale, the archery range gives me another reason to come to Pasadena, and my wife and I often have lunch in Pasadena after archery on Saturdays. There is absolutely no reason I can think of for the Pasadena City Council to take the radical step of closing a facility that has been an asset to the community for many years. Thank you for your time and consideration, Donald Zachary, 371 Brockmont Dr., Glendale, CA 91202-1302.