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Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Tornek, Terry; Mermell, Steve; Jomsky, Mark; Public Comment; McAustin, Margaret
Cc: Morales, Margo; Harvey-Williams, Brenda; Perez, John Eduardo; Frieders, Bryan; Cornejo, Laura
Subject: 6/1/20 Council Meeting, Item 21B: I Support a Car-Free Rose-Bowl Loop

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Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council,

Please keep the Rose Bowl loop closed to vehicular traffic. The Rose Bowl and the Arroyo Seco are regional treasures most suited for recreation purposes. With social distancing guidelines expected to stay in effect for the foreseeable future, and residents facing limited opportunities for exercise, Pasadena needs to make space for people to safely spread out along the Rose Bowl Loop.

The decision to re-open it to vehicular traffic after only 5 days was premature. Local residents and drive-through motorists will quickly notice road accessibility changes, but the majority of Pasadena residents have been conditioned NOT to use parks or other recreational facilities to help contain the coronavirus pandemic, and they rely on effective public information sources to learn of changes. The City must aggressively and effectively announce re-opening of the Rose Bowl Loop, noting specifically that motor vehicles are excluded in the loop so the entire roadway can be used for safe recreation. The City must also allow sufficient time for news to trickle throughout the community before success of the program can be evaluated. To paraphrase a line from "Field of Dreams" -- if you allow it (car-free recreational use), and if we know about it, we will come!

It has been said "those who want to do something will find a way, those who don't will find an excuse." To the typical Pasadena resident who desperately needs places to exercise safely, the reasons given for opening the Rose Bowl Loop to vehicles seem like flimsy excuses. Constituents find it hard to believe the cost claims made at the previous Council meeting. Carried to the logical conclusion, they infer that allocating the entire roadway for self-propelled activity is prohibitively more expensive than allocating part of the roadway for always-dangerous, frequently-speeding motor vehicles and limiting humans to the small remaining part of the roadway, for the same safety level. Furthermore, we do not believe that 24x7 surveillance is required when the loop is closed to vehicles, if it is not required when vehicles are allowed in the loop. Please be creative, put on your thinking caps, and find a way to make the Rose-Bowl Loop car-free. Our health and safety depend on it.

Thanks for your time,

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Hello distinguished servants of the city and people,

I'm writing today to hopefully convince this beautiful city to finally re-open Oak Grove Disc Golf Park to the community.

At this point in time, every other course has been opened all across Southern CA, and has shown to be valuable in providing the community with a safe outdoor and active activity that most of us need on a daily or weekly basis.

As you know, recently the CDC has said that they don't believe the virus can travel or survive on most surfaces outside of a controlled environment, and that UV light can disinfect surfaces as well.

This is why disc golf is perfect for everyone at this time. You're constantly more than 6 feet away from the next person, thus keeping the 6 foot social distance rule. We can also stay safe by limiting groups to 4 people like most other courses, and we can all adhere to not touching each other's discs/equipment. We can also use our masks when we tee off or know we are going to pass or get close to someone. These simple rules have been working well at the various other courses I have visited, and people have been complying. I've been extremely proud at the respect I have seen exhibited by the other players following the rules.

Hopefully these words find you well and help move forward in opening, what has been and is a sacred historical land mark for an entire sport, that has been there for decades, serving as a THE pilgrimage place for the greatest disc golfers from around the world and players from the surrounding cities.

Thank you for your time.

Your humble citizen,

Mike

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