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From: William M. Paparian, Esq/ < > 1>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 6:58 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Agenda item 2, March 7 Special Joint PUSD Meeting

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This past Veterans Day program prominently featured the Blair High School JROTC Honor Guard and Cadets. These young people are the pride of our community and among their ranks are the future leaders of this City. First Sergeant Ben Hicks- Senior Army Instructor of the Blair High School Army JROTC Program
Sergeant First Class Betsy Cuevas- Army Instructor of the Blair High School Army JROTC Program are to be commended for the tremendous work they do in molding the character of these JROTC Cadets.

That's why it was so profoundly disappointing to me to see no mention made of the Blair HS JROTC program in the slide deck attached to Agenda Item # 2.

On November 11, 2020, I made the following proposal to then Mayor-elect Victor Gordo:

"Many cities have a Military and Veterans Advisory Commission. Pasadena should consider establishing one. There are several reasons that we should consider doing this. First and foremost we have a local Marine Infantry Battalion stationed here. There are two Veteran service organization in Pasadena, the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America. And of course we have an active contingent of student veterans at Pasadena City College.

For the past several years under the leadership of Bill Thomson we have done an annual Veterans Day event on an ad hoc basis. But the need for a formal advisory commission exists beyond an annual event every November 11th. There's also Memorial Day. There's our nuclear powered submarine the USS Pasadena. There was the homecoming event for the return from deployment of our Pasadena Marines last year. There's the ROTC cadets at Blair High School The list goes on."

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For unexplained and unexplainable reasons Mayor Gordo never responded to this proposal despite my follow up efforts.

The establishment of the Pasadena Military and Veterans Advisory Commission would be a unique opportunity for collaboration the Pasadena City Council and the PUSD Board in support of the Blair HS JROTC program.

Very Respectfully,

Former Mayor William Paparian

William M. Paparian
Attorney at Law

Pasadena, CA 91101

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From: Amy Passingham <
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 7:18 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pickleball courts needed

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Please consider "creating" more pickleball opportunities in Pasadena. This could be new construction or repurposing of tennis courts or shared use. The waiting time to play is getting to be a detriment to participation for many. For those who only have one hour to play... it can sometimes mean just one game.

Thank you
Amy Passingham

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From: Kelsey O'Keeffe
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 7:10 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: More Pickleball Courts Needed!

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Hello!

My name is Kelsey O'Keeffe and I currently play pickleball at McDonald Park. I just wanted to write a quick request for more public pickleball courts. I am one of many who has fallen in love with the sport during the pandemic and now our numbers are exploding, which means less actual play time each day. The community we've developed is so wonderful but now we desperately need more courts around the city to meet the level of interest/need.

Thank you!

Kelsey

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From: Peter.Cote <
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 9:51 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for City Council Meeting

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Hello, my name is Peter Cote. I live in district 2. I would like the city of Pasadena to seriously consider building more Pickleball courts. There is an incredibly active and growing pickleball community in Pasadena, but too few courts to support everyone. Pickleball culture is very social and has helped me to connect with neighbors and people in the community like nothing else I've ever experienced. It has given me a huge boost to my mental health, and could be an even greater asset to Pasadena if there was greater access.

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Peter Cote
Director/Cinematographer
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From: Barbara Davis <
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 6:59 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: City of Pasadena meeting 3/7/22 comment on pickleball

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Dear City Council members,

Pasadena needs more pickleball courts!

Weekends at Allendale, Pasadena's only permanent pickleball courts, are extremely busy. A possible solution for overflow at Allendale is to add two courts to Blair. Please consider converting the two enclosed courts at Blair to pickleball and allowing the public to play on the weekends. During the week, I imagine it might become the most popular gym class at Blair. In addition, you could add striping on the basketball court areas for portable nets.

Thank you in advance,
Barbara Davis
District 7

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From: Sandi Michaelson <
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 5:13 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Comment on Pickeball Court Availability

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Dear City Council,

I live in District 7. I began playing pickleball at MacDonald Park and it has been life-changing in terms of tying me to the Pasadena community, providing a healthy outlet and having fun. I have experienced waits to use courts as the sport has become more popular and therefore urge city officials to consider options for making more sites available.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Sandra Michaelson

Pasadena, CA

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From: Jennifer Walkup
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 3:26 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pickleball Courts

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Hi There,

I would like to see more Pickleball courts in Pasadena. We have all been house bound nearly 2 years and we all know the value of exercise and it is inhibited by the low volume and incredibly high demand for courts. I personally play at 2 locations in Pasadena (Allendale and Farnsworth), without exception, there is always a long wait with an excessive amount of people looking to play. We have tax \$\$\$ going to locations like Wilson School or various tennis courts like at Hamilton Park that sit empty. Why can't these areas be converted to Pickleball courts to encourage community and a healthy lifestyle. Right now on a Saturday or Sunday at Allendale, the wait can be 45min - 1 hour between games and that is discouraging and frankly unnecessary with the limitless places available to be modified to PB courts given the documented demand.

I request that this be added to the discussion.

Jennifer Walkup

Pasadena, CA. 91107

District #4

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From: Linda Royer <linda.royer@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 1:37 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pickleball

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Pickleball is great for all ages, but in particular for Seniors, since the game is easier on the joints and muscles. The wait times at the existing PB courts is too long.

We need a lot more courts, and we need them quickly, so I am hoping some multi- use locations will be used.

Thank you,
Linda Royer
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From: Margaret Dixon ·
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2022 11:12 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pickleball

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I think frustration is building. It is past time for us taxpayers to get the Pickleball courts that we have been requesting. It has been a good few years now and you are all way too slow to act. The sport is very popular. I am waiting 40 minutes between games because the courts are always packed. This is ridiculous. We have money, we have volunteers, we can fundraise, we have players, we have Ambassadors.
WE WANT MORE COURTS!

Margaret Dixon

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From: Amy Artalejo < >
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 8:20 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Mike Alvidrez
Subject: Upcoming Hearing re Pickleball courts

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Pasadena needs more pickle ball courts! Its a community sport that gets people out of the house, talking to neighbors, and ANY AGE can play. Please get more court in our neighborhoods!

Hopeful Pasadena resident,
Amy Artalejo

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From: Toni Cavanagh Johnson <
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 7:42 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: We NEED more Pickleball Courts, PLEASE

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Toni Cavanagh Johnson

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From: Steven Blankenship <.....>
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 5:04 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pickleball courts

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We need more pickleball courts in Pasadena. I love the multiple use concept and shared spaces. So many residents enjoy the game and meeting their neighbors on the courts building community. Please pursue options in the city. Thanks

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From: Mary Puls
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 4:49 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Pickleball at Schools

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I am writing to support the idea of converting non-used school facilities into part time or permanent pickle ball courts.

I currently play at MacDonald and Farnsworth parks but it is often very crowded. As you probably know the sport is continuing to grow rapidly and Pasadena will need to accommodate more player locations. Pickleball is extremely grass roots and appealing to both young and old and builds community.

As a long-time taxpayer in Pasadena, I would love to see some minimal efforts put into converting unused school property. Why not make Pasadena known for something beyond crime and the Rose Parade!

Thank you,
Mary Puls

Pasadena, CA 91107

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Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 3:22 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Alan Pygin
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The City is in dire need of additional pickle ball courts. The wait times at Allendale are absolutely horrendous. Often times there are 50+ players which makes for a wait time of up to an hour to get a 10-15 minute game. Overuse makes the area outside the courts a patch of dead grass and all of the dirt is dragged onto the courts which further deteriorates the court surface and makes it unsafe with dust and debris. Many thanks for cleaning the courts every few weeks, but it really needs to be done much more frequently, especially since the large trees directly above the courts drop leaves all night long and during the day . Players have to blow off the leaves with personal blowers multiple times during the day to keep the courts safe.

Please look into more courts, permanent, temporary, joint use, overstriped tennis courts, anything will help.

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From: Mark Ishii <markishii@pasadena.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 2:59 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Comments for the March 7 City Council meetings

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My name is Mark Ishii. I live in Pasadena City Council district #4 (Councilman Gene Masuda). I retired a couple of years ago and due to covid I found there were few activities that were available to me. Fortunately, a friend recommended pickleball and I have been addicted ever since. It is sad in this beautiful city of Pasadena that there are only 4 courts available in Allendale. Several people took the initiative and lined the basketball courts at McDonald Park to add two additional courts. The City initially found this unacceptable and closed the courts at McDonald. It was only through the efforts of Mike Alvidrez and others that allowed these courts to reopen on a limited basis.

There are several articles recently written that showed that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. If anybody has observed McDonald or Allendale during peak hours, they have noticed large crowds and long waits for people wanting to play pickleball. I am hoping that Pasadena will take the initiative to make more courts available.

I understand people are looking at putting some courts at McKinley. I think anytime we can have more courts in Pasadena, that would be great. However, my concern is that availability would probably be limited to when class is not in session and the school is not using it for their own purposes. If this is the case, would Pasadena residents only be able to use the courts a few hours a day? This seems like a lot of money spent for courts residents could barely use and a total waste of our tax dollars.

Pasadena has so many beautiful parks. I don't see why we can't line pickleball courts on basketball courts (like McDonald), tennis courts or other paved areas. People could bring their own pickleball nets and play. In that way, multiple sports could share the use of the parks at a very minimal cost to the City of Pasadena.

Pickleball is such a beautiful sport. I hope that Pasadena can make it so that its residents have more places to enjoy playing this sport. It seems like right now, the voices of pickleball players are not being heard. I am in my 60's. I have no interest in starting to play tennis or basketball. Currently, there are no courts in my council district. I am hoping my voice will not be ignored and you will address this issue soon. I am not getting younger.

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From: Mike Alvidrez < >
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Jennifer Thomas
Cc: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Re: City Council Meeting March 7, 2022 - Public Comment - Pickleball courts

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Well said!

On Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 11:34 AM Jennifer Thomas <thomas6789@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Greetings Council & PUSD members

As a long-time resident, home owner, and tax payer, in the City of Pasadena, I greatly welcome this opportunity to support and promote pickleball for the health, community cohesiveness, and pure joy for all our residents – kids to seniors.

I am recent convert, one can say “addict”, to this marvelous sport. Pickleball has allowed us to meet new friends and neighbors, many who have started just for the exercise and others who have converted from tennis as they have found pickleball beneficial for their entire well-being.

Since playing at McDonald Park we have found the numbers of players steadily increasing which is now restricting the ability to play. WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE COURTS PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! It seems a crying shame (and waste of tax payers funds) that there are City and PUSD resources which are not being fully utilized.

Not sure anything has ever created such a benefit for the entire community.

We look forward to hearing from the members.

Thank you, Jennifer Thomas

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From: nancy merritt
Sent: Saturday, March 5, 2022 11:13 AM
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Subject: City Council Meeting 3/7 Shared Use - Pickleball

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Dear Members of Pasadena City Council and Pasadena Unified Schools:

As you are probably aware via all the recent media attention, of the lack of pickleball courts in our city.

NPR, LA Times and LAist all have recent articles about the dearth of Pickleballs courts here and in LA.

Here in Pasadena, thanks to many of you, we have made a shared facilities arrangement at MacDonald Park that is working well. Pickleball players bring all their own equipment and set up courts on the basketball courts Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8-11. The use of these courts doesn't cost the city or parks department a dime.

Thanks to the hard work of volunteer Mike Alvidrez - Pasadena's Pickleball Ambassador, the pickleball community in Pasadena has grown rapidly. Mike will tell you that Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country because it's accessible to persons of all ages and abilities. Pasadena's Pickleballers are a friendly welcoming community and we encourage new players. Come out to MacDonald Park and give it a try.

Finally, Because Pickleball is growing so rapidly, more courts are needed. This is not news to you. What may be new is the idea of shared facilities that has worked so well with McDonald park. There are parks and schools all over Pasadena that have spare blacktop; enough room for one or two courts.

I urge you to please consider these ideas that Mike will present to you.

Respectfully,
Nancy Merritt
Council District 7

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From: Linda Hooke
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 3:18 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Increased need for PICKLE BALL COURTS in Pasadena

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Attn: City Council,

As a resident and pickle ball player, I would like to urge the city of Pasadena to provide more locations to town residents for the purpose of playing pickle ball. There are several courts at closed schools that could easily be made available for this purpose. Also, due to the ever increasing demand, it would be wonderful if the hours/days available at the McDonald park location be expanded (currently just 3 hours, 3 days a week).

Thank you for reading my request,

Linda Hooke
S. Marengo Ave resident

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CITY OF PASADENA

TO: Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Dr. Brian McDonald, PUSD Superintendent
Victor Gordo, Mayor
Dr. Elizabeth Pomeroy, Board President

CC: City Council and Pasadena Board of Education

Good afternoon,

While I appreciate and commend the programs and progress made by PUSD in unprecedented and trying times, we must not simply celebrate the highlights but also focus on remedying the gross and systemic inequities in the district.

Latino students represent almost 60% of the enrollment in PUSD; however, this majority is left without a voice on the Board of Education, none of whom are Latino, despite a quarter of the jurisdiction's eligible voters being Latino.

To examine the consequences of this vacuum of representation, we need not look further than the District's own statistics which show consistently that Latino students and the Latino community is being failed by a lack of representative leadership for their community. Latinos are the demographic group with the lowest graduation rate for the past 3 years running below the district average, the LA County average, and the California state average. Over 60% of Latino students are **not** reading at or above their grade level. That contrasts with almost 75% of White students who *are* reading at or above their grade level. It gets worse when it comes to math where over 70% of Latino students are **not** meeting grade level standards. Again, contrast that with 66% of White students who *are* meeting grade level standards in math.

Despite clear evidence that Latino students are not being served adequately by the district and the lack of Latino representation on the Board of Education, the process by which PUSD redistricted still only involved 1 of 9 members on their task force being Latino, and severely inadequate outreach to not only the Latino community, but also the Black and Armenian communities as well. The map adopted has no district with a majority of eligible voters being Latino, despite it being possible to draw a compact district that does. Furthermore, the adopted map dilutes Latino voting power in District 4. The map also diminishes Black voting power in District 1, and splits the Armenian community of interest between 2 districts despite righteous community concerns.

Per the redistricting task force's own survey, only 3 people, in a jurisdiction of 200,000, attended their public hearings to provide input on the potential district boundaries. One of those comments stated that "more work and input [was] needed from our community and our Latino, Black, and Armenian populations." Despite that comment, which was erroneously listed "undecided," only one hearing was held in Spanish and no further outreach was conducted. Task Force members instead focused on sourcing support for their map from specific communities, rather than making modifications that would better serve the jurisdiction as a whole. Lastly, the Task Force themselves admitted to not having had the adopted maps vetted by legal counsel to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Any voting rights lawyer would have explained that they could not be sure the map was in compliance with the VRA because Citizen Voting Age Population statistics were not used when drawing the map. One task force member stated that since the adopted map was drawn based on the existing

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districts, and those districts were found to be legal 10 years ago, that therefore the new adopted districts were also legal. Unfortunately for the Task Force, that is exactly why redistricting exists, so that population change is appropriately accounted for and represented by the new map.

Since other community members and I have voiced these concerns and submitted alternatives that never received discussion, many of the task force members, the only members of the public who ever gave testimony in favor of the adopted map, have claimed that we are being misled and asking why we intend to disrupt the process.

I have a simple answer, because the process isn't working for our community, and it's not working for more than half of the students enrolled in PUSD. We offered public input, and it was ignored. We are exhausting the avenues afforded to members of the public by law to affect change in this arena. The map adopted, if accepted by the County, will be the map in place for the next decade. Latino students in 3rd grade will never see a map that affords their community an opportunity to elect a candidate of choice while they are still students in the district unless we work for change now.

If we are truly for embracing the cultural background of every student, and be, as was stated earlier, one big happy family in PUSD, then we need to start with the representation on the Board of Education, and one group, specifically, that is being left out.

Thank you,
Gabo Lizardo