

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to off leash hours at Heritage Oaks Park  
**Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2020 10:57:22 AM

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**From:** Tomer Agmon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 6, 2020 9:49 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Cc:** Smadar Agmon [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opposition to off leash hours at Heritage Oaks Park

This is in regard to the proposal to designate Heritage Oaks Park, or part of it, as an Off Leash Dog Park. Thank you for your consideration.

As a long time resident, born and raised in this house right across the street from Heritage Oaks Park, I have seen this park at all its uses. From children walking and biking through it in the morning to get to school, and back in the afternoon, to families hosting weekend park cookouts, elementary school soccer teams training on the grass, young mothers and fathers pushing strollers, toddlers learning to ride their first tricycles, to yes indeed, people walking and playing with their dogs. First and foremost is the familial aspect. This park has long been a safe haven for all the families in this and the surrounding neighborhoods. It has been a go-through detour for anyone in the area taking a walk and a comforting place of rest for anyone driving by who had had a long stressful day and simply needed to park and nap a little (Including the local postmen, delivery drivers, and utility workers who need a short break before returning to the grind of the day).

As such, a designated unleashed dog park in this area would amount to destroying the utility of a multipurpose park area and shrinking it down to a single use. No longer would the park be a safe haven for children, families, walkers, and hard working essential workers, but instead it would become a single purpose use area with an inflated focus on on single advantage of the park: it is dog friendly. And yes it is, in fact dog friendly. It is also children friendly and cat friendly (my family has multiple cats who often explore the park). When families come by with their dogs, under control and in limited numbers, this park remains relatively safe for all involved. With a dog-park designation, unleashed no less, this would no longer be the case. There could be no stray kids, no wandering cats, no young families with babies in strollers. I love dogs, we all do, but there is no disputing the fact that if left unchecked, there are some wild ones at heart. This is not their fault, they never asked to be domesticated for their hunting ability and later criticized for this very same aspect. But it is undeniable, dogs can be dangerous. And in an area such as this, so very dependent on the safety of small children and a haven for the families in the multiple nearby neighborhoods, an unleash dog park would be unacceptable. Simply put, it is a bad idea at this particular location.

Thank you for listening to my reasoning,

-Tomer Agmon

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter in opposition of Grant Park Bocce Ball  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 8:16:18 AM

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**From:** Bahi Oreizy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter in opposition of Grant Park Bocce Ball

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for the donations be used to:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meet space all year long, rain or shine
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

There is resounding, overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families and students use the space for picnics or studying. Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bahi Oreizy, Architect.Principal

360 Design Studio



**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: City Council Meeting Nov 10; Grant Park  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 9:43:57 AM

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**From:** Becky sarabia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting Nov 10; Grant Park

To City Council:

I am a resident of South Los Altos and use Grant Park frequently. I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

This is similar to the same issues we had at Mckenzie Park! Why does the council continuously want to take away precious green space in favor of small groups?

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

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I wholeheartedly agree with the above. There is resounding, overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families and students use the space for picnics or studying. Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

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Thank you for your consideration,

Rafael and Becky Sarabia

1427 Miramonte Ave

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bocce Ball courts still a \*BAD\* Idea  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:39:47 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Big Wave\_Dave [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 2:29:25 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Bocce Ball courts still a \*BAD\* Idea

I live near Grant park and my family has been here since 1960. I wrote to the council a few weeks ago detailing why I do not want to waste precious land resources on the pet project of a greedy few.

Given how strong the opposition is to this project it makes me wonder if there is some quid-pro-quo with council members as it appears that outsiders from our neighborhood are conspiring against the neighbors and would like to impose their selfish desires upon us, the Grant Park neighbors.

A Bocce Ball court is still a bad idea for the following reasons I've mentioned in earlier correspondence:

- The park is incredibly well used by the neighborhood as is. Basketball courts, playground, the field next to the basketball court, the main 'soccer' field and tree'd forest area are fully utilized along with the walking path. I walk my dog in that tree'd area nearly every day.
- Stealing land from the proposed areas impacts existing users of the park negatively. Grant park is too tiny for such a development.
- Bocce Ball only serves a few individuals and will not be used. Witness the already under-used Bocce Ball courts at Cuesta and Blackberry Farm parks nearby. You can go play Bocce ball right now with no waiting!
- A new court is already planned at Hillview - It's sheer lunacy to waste precious resources on a \*redundant\*, pointless project. It's a waste of city revenue when we could be spending it on something useful. Donated funds will be insufficient to complete the project and our city gets to pick up the recurring cost when we should be using funds to maintain well-used facilities.
- Having the courts encourages non-neighbors to use tiny neighborhood Grant Park as a destination -- It can't handle it as there is already insufficient parking and degrades the neighborhood with additional traffic.

Sincerely,  
David Munoz

Alford Avenue, Los Altos

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Grant Park Bocce Ball Courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 1:28:20 PM

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**From:** Brenda Blanchar [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:56 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Grant Park Bocce Ball Courts

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for the donations be used to:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meet space all year long, rain or shine
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

Thank you for listening to the neighbors of Grant Park!

Brenda Blanchar



**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bocce Ball Court at Grant Park  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:28:33 PM

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**From:** c fen [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 5:43:20 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject: Bocce Ball Court at Grant Park**  
**Reply-To:** c fen [REDACTED]

Dear City Council:

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- remodeling of the kitchen so seniors can have their lunches at the Grant Park Senior Center.

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We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come

together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Best regards,  
Carol Fenwick

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Oppose to GRANT PARK BOCCE BALL COURT  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:28:22 PM

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**From:** carmen chan [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 5:31:07 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** **Oppose to GRANT PARK BOCCE BALL COURT**

To City Council:

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together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carmen Chan

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Your Support is Greatly Appreciated  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:38:41 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 1:33:47 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** **Your Support is Greatly Appreciated**

To City Council:

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We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,  
June & Aram Darmanian  
1595 Ben Roe Drive

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bocce ball courts  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:40:42 PM

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**From:** Lindy Davis [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 1:38:44 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Bocce ball courts

Los Altos City Council,

I have been a resident on Middleton Ave since 1995. I have raised three children here, and now am a foster mother to little ones. Grant Park was, and remains, a place to run free and be joyous in a sweet and easily accessible neighborhood spot.

I feel so strongly that Bocce Ball Courts NOT be put in. I feel that this is not a collective neighborhood endeavor, rather it entitles a few with the very narrow interest of bocce ball to take away a spot that so many can now use in wonderfully varied ways.

It is also my understanding that the donation does not cover the full costs of construction, let alone ongoing maintenance. This strikes me as truly unfair to burden us collectively for something that will be desired by very few.

In talking with neighbors, it is my personal observation that a huge majority are dismayed at the thought of Grant Park being altered so greatly by bocce ball courts.

I respectfully ask that you all hear our voices and vote to maintain Grant Park as the neighborhood oasis that it is.

Most sincerely,  
Elizabeth Davis  
1860 Middleton Avenue  
Los Altos 94024

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: No on Bocce Ball Courts @ Grant Park. C. Douglas / Los Altos  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:52:52 AM

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**From:** Chet Douglas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** No on Bocce Ball Courts @ Grant Park. C. Douglas / Los Altos

To Los Altos City Council:

I am a 25 year resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for the donations be used to:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meeting space all year long, rain or shine
- Build / Repair or add new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Fix existing infrastructure that is old and needing replacing, like fence near front walk-way, sprinklers that don't work, night lighting - none of which are bocce ball courts

>> Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground

There is resounding, overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, picnics spaced during pandemic, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families, local small businesses and students use the space for meetings or studying. The overflow grass area by hoops courts is ONLY place for kids / dogs (on leash) to play when main field is being used by

leased organizations.....like soccer clubs. The city may benefit from club team leases, but citizens/kids need a place to recreate if main field being used.

Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Chet Douglas

**Chet M. Douglas**  
**Los Altos, Ca.**





**From:** [Donna Legge](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Dog policy changes at Heritage Oaks  
**Date:** Friday, November 6, 2020 5:04:20 PM

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Donna Legge  
City of Los Altos  
Recreation & Community Services Director  
Office: 650.947.2889

----- Original message -----

From: Eran Agmon [REDACTED] >  
Date: 11/6/20 3:03 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>, Donna Legge <dlegge@losaltosca.gov>, Casey Richardson <crichardson@losaltosca.gov>  
Subject: Dog policy changes at Heritage Oaks

To whom it may concern,

I am writing about the proposed changes to the dog policy at Heritage Oaks park.

I live with my two children, age 4 and 7, across the street from the park. We bike through the park regularly in the mornings, fly kites on the grass, have picnics on the grass, and play in the young children section.

The proposed unleashed dog policy does not include a fenced-in area, and coincides with our regular use hours. This concerns me because of how close everything is in the park, and also right next to the road. When biking or playing, we will certainly come across the unleashed dogs. From personal experience I know some of these dogs will rush us and scare the kids, perhaps even cause injury. As proposed, the policy change appears to be a large and unacceptable obstruction of our regular park use.

Please take this into consideration when making the decision.

Sincerely,  
Eran Agmon

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Eran Agmon, PhD  
Department of Bioengineering, Stanford University  
<http://eagmon.tumblr.com/>

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:38:57 PM

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**From:** Stephen Flynn [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 1:36:15 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** **Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park**

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Highlands neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the Grant Park neighborhood are asking for the donations be used to:

- Maintain the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meeting space all year long, rain or shine
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

The bocce ball courts will take up lots of valuable useable green space in the park and will actually benefit very few Los Altos residents. There is resounding, overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families and students use the space for picnics or studying. Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is

focused on maintaining the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you,  
Steve Flynn  
924 St. Joseph Ave.  
Los Altos, CA 94024



**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park Master Plan  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:39:13 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Freddie Park [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 2:05:47 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Grant Park Master Plan

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote to proceed with a Master Plan for Grant Park and to defer the donations to a date uncertain after the completion of the Master Plan. Should bocce ball courts be of interest to the majority of residents who frequent Grant Park, then the Council could ask the Legacies and the Rotary Club if they are still interested in funding the courts. It's important that the majority of residents that frequent Grant Park have their voices heard and that the Council abide by their wishes.

Respectfully,

Freddie Park Wheeler  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park Bocce ball court - dissenting vote  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 6:13:59 AM

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**From:** "V. Chandrasekaran" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 9:07:50 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Grant Park Bocce ball court - dissenting vote  
**Reply-To:** "V. Chandrasekaran" [REDACTED]

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

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We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant

Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: No to Bocce Ball court at Grant Park  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 6:13:34 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Geetha CHANDRASEKARAN [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 10:45:53 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** No to Bocce Ball court at Grant Park

To City Council:

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Thank you for your consideration!

Geetha(Grant Park neighborhood resident )

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**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: ABSOLUTE NO to ruining GRANT PARK with a Bocce Ball Court!!!  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 3:21:48 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Reena Kapoor [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 2:42:55 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** **ABSOLUTE NO to ruining GRANT PARK with a Bocce Ball Court!!!**

Hello Los Altos City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my STRONG OPPOSITION to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. HOW IS THIS EVEN A PRIORITY?

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for OFF LEASH DOG HOURS which would require MINIMAL investment (in a few signs perhaps) AND a few other priorities such as:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

There is resounding, **overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts** in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families and students use the space for picnics or studying. Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

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Thank you for your consideration!

Thanks!

Reena

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Reena Kapoor



**From:** [Donna Legge](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External Sender]Bocce court funding offer for Grant Park  
**Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2020 6:00:46 PM

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FYI

Donna Legge  
City of Los Altos  
Recreation & Community Services Director  
Office: 650.947.2889

----- Original message -----

From: King Lear [REDACTED]  
Date: 11/7/20 5:16 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
Cc: Paul Gonella [REDACTED], Ellen Akerlund-Gonella [REDACTED], Sue Pierce <[REDACTED]>, Gabrielle Tiemann [REDACTED], Tanya DeMare [REDACTED], Donna Verna [REDACTED], Donna Legge <dlegge@losaltosca.gov>  
Subject: [External Sender]Bocce court funding offer for Grant Park

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council:

The offers from the Los Altos Legacies and Los Altos Rotary Endowment Fund do not have an expiration date. There is no need to decide at this time whether to accept the offers.

The idea behind the offers was to provide outdoor recreation for seniors in Grant Park similar to and concurrent with the new bocce courts at Hillview. Not only does this treat south Los Altos seniors equitably, but it also opens the possibility of forming a N/S Los Altos bocce league for even more fun and socialization for seniors throughout the city. There are no outdoor recreation facilities in Grant Park appropriate for seniors in their 70's and 80's.

Bocce is recognized nationwide as a very successful outdoor recreation for seniors. It is physical, outdoors, social for men and women, and fun. Most of our players are in their 80's, but the game is fun for all ages. Bocce is very successful here in Los Altos if associated with a senior center where there is a staffed senior lounge. The lounge keeps the equipment, enforces reservations, and provides an after game club room. Seniors playing bocce would become customers for other senior programming at Grant Park and participants drawn to senior programs would be tempted to try out bocce. The benches beside the courts help people get started as observers. This is a form of social engineering. 1 + 1 can equal 3.

If there is no staffed senior lounge during weekdays, then bocce courts may be a waste of money. So this is an important consideration at Grant Park.

We hear commissioners saying that maybe seniors would prefer outdoor exercise structures in Grant Park rather than bocce courts. This would be similar to telling bridge players that the city has decided they should start doing push-ups instead of playing bridge. Exercise is good, but it is not fun and it is not social. A park design expert knows this. You can do both, but exercise is not a substitute for a fun game.

So, here are our recommendations:

1. Decide if the city is going to staff a senior lounge at Grant Park on weekdays with employees and/or volunteers.
2. If and when the answer is yes, then tell this to the park designer you hire and state that the City has an offer of \$40K or more to help pay for bocce courts if an acceptable location can be found and if bocce is accepted as a good idea for the park.
3. If the city should decide that bocce would be a good idea, then cost it out and let us know the cost. Our charitable funds might individually consider increasing our offers, if appropriate, at that time.

I will not be participating in your meeting, but if anyone has questions, please email me.

Best Regards, King Lear

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: No on Bocce Courts  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:40:14 PM

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marji Karlgaard [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 1:39:40 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** No on Bocce Courts

Please read before November 10 City Council Meeting.  
On October 14, the Parks & Rec Commission recommended asking the bocce ball donors to consider allowing their donation to be used for other improvements at Grant Park besides bocce ball – I support their recommendation in the following letter.

November 9, 2020

To Los Altos City Council:

I am a resident adjoining the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos who use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking that the donations be used to:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meet space all year long, rain or shine
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts.

There is resounding and overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space.

Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families and students use the space for picnics or studying. The current setting is ideal for families of all ages, with the playground equipment for younger children and wide open space for other activities for

older kids or adults.

Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

We appreciate this donation. However, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marji and Rich Karlgaard

1250 Montclair Way

Los Altos, CA 94024

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**Marji Karlgaard**



**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:41:14 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 2:40:40 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Grant Park  
**Reply-To:** [REDACTED]

To City Council:

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We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in

camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marti Gibeau...



**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: GRANT PARK BOCCE BALL COURT PROPOSAL  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 11:09:34 AM

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**From:** Peter Mehring <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 11:04 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: GRANT PARK BOCCE BALL COURT PROPOSAL

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day. While I appreciate funds have been donated for the bocce ball courts, they are not a desired addition to Grant park.

Grant Park is a great neighborhood “watering hole” as it offers wide open green space for families to picnic, play and visit with their neighbors. The green space is often used for ad hoc games with neighborhood children, spanning from tag football, catch, frisbee, cricket, tag and other games. If anything, the fields would benefit from improved drainage, as the area near the basketball court can get rather muddy during the cooler months.

A dedicated, fixed function facility such as a bocce ball court is not needed, as it directly detracts from the open green space that can be flexible in use for a large variety of activities. Improvements should be targeted at multi-use projects that would be flexible in their use, and preserve the beautiful green spaces our neighborhood enjoys at Grant Park.

Thank you,  
Peter Mehring  
1936 Colleen Drive

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Grant Park Bocce Ball Court Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:16:29 PM

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**From:** Cori Mehring <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:13 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Grant Park Bocce Ball Court Proposal

To Council Members:

I am a 25-year-resident of the Grant Park neighborhood, and would like to express my opposition to the donor proposal to build 2 bocce ball courts at Grant Park, in the green field space adjacent to the blacktop area.

I support the development of the previously proposed "Master Plan for Grant Park", and ask that the Subcommittee studying this plan seek input from the residents of our neighborhood who use and cherish this rare open space, daily!

While a monetary donation is welcome, the "strings attached" to this one appear to be designed to skip the normal protocol, sway the Council and push through a project whose impact has not been fully thought through, much less accepted by the surrounding neighbors. There is a LOT of history with interest in modifying/improving Grant Park, and this request should be folded in with the past requests - NOT given a free pass to the top of the agenda! Is it now a "Pay to Play" system in Los Altos?

Please consider the needs & desires of the residents in the Grant Park neighborhood, who have asked for Grant Park to be improved in ways the majority of its users would benefit from, such as, but not limited to:

- Adopt Off-Leash Hours for dogs, per the OLH Pilot recommended by PARC, in addition to other city parks
- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meeting space thru all

## seasons

- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items - NONE of which are bocce ball courts

I thank the Council for it's consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cori Mehring

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: ABSOLUTE NO to ruining GRANT PARK with a Bocce Ball Court!!!  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:57:26 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Anusuya Rao [REDACTED] m>  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 6:45:37 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject: Re: ABSOLUTE NO to ruining GRANT PARK with a Bocce Ball Court!!!**

I support this email below. We need a dog park to a Bocce Ball court, please!

Thanks  
Anu - Los Altos Resident.

On Sun, Nov 8, 2020 at 2:42 PM Reena Kapoor [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hello Los Altos City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my STRONG OPPOSITION to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. HOW IS THIS EVEN A PRIORITY?

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for OFF LEASH DOG HOURS which would require MINIMAL investment (in a few signs perhaps) AND a few other priorities such as:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

There is resounding, **overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball**

**courts** in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families and students use the space for picnics or studying. Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration!

Thanks!

Reena

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Reena Kapoor

[Redacted contact information]

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park \$75K expense  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 3:21:14 PM

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**From:** David Roode <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 2:56:41 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Grant Park \$75K expense

The council is considering whether to spend \$75K for an architect to draw up new plans for Grant Park. This is under the item about "Bocce Ball" on the council agenda and more information was provided Friday in the usual places for agenda publication.

To me, relative to Los Altos parks, this is arranging deck chairs on a docked ship that is not going to sale for a while, if not a sinking one. City revenues are headed down and we don't know how far yet. Bocce Ball isn't the issue. The Parks Commission has asked to have \$75K spent on a consultant. There's also talk of spending \$400K to fix up the kitchen at the old Grant Park buildings. I think both expenditures are inconsistent with the city's position. If Bocce Ball is provided even with a donation of \$40K it will cost the city an extra \$15K. Programs at Grant Park are suspended due to Covid-19.

To me, the message to the council ought to be that this is a nice idea but the time is not right.

It's even possible that Grant Park Community Center might need to be shut down. As is the case for Bocce Ball, we already have a community center opening up soon at Hillview. We don't need to make any reaction now about Grant Park. Let's wait and see what happens.

Why should Grant Park have a master plan when there is no master plan for McKenzie Park, Rosita Park, Marymeade Park, Heritage Oaks Park, etc.? Most of the localized parks in the city are in South Los Altos. Why favor Grant Park over the others?

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park Bocce Court Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 3:21:36 PM

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**From:** Steve Smith [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 2:47:42 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** **Grant Park Bocce Court Proposal**

To City Council:

PART 1 of 2--NO BOCCE COURT PLEASE

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I am a resident of South Los Altos. For those of you who are not intimately familiar with our town, that is the poor part of Los Altos. Just sayin'. More germane is that I actually live across the street (Holt Ave.) from Grant Park, which gives me a tad more perspective on this situation.

I strongly oppose the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park and furthermore ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park ***that incorporates the input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.***

The reasons that I am opposed to bocce ball courts are twofold:

1. Grant Park offers a place where the local residents can come and socialize and increase their sense of community. This ideal was unsurpassed back in the days when dogs ran leash free (and people ran mask free). For the past score of years soccer, summer concerts, the play structures, and basketball courts have been well used by my neighbors. A bocce court impinges on that utilization.
2. Additionally, on the economic front, it is fairly cheap to build anything, but can be expensive to maintain it. In many cases, over the life of a project/capital outlay, the present value of the expected maintenance cost stream far outweighs the initial cost. So please don't be fooled by free money now that will require our city to ANNUALLY spend money later.

PART 2 OF 2--HISTORICAL NOTE

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I also want to make you aware of the fact that the tree zone that runs along the fence perpendicular to Holt Ave was planted by the then parents of Grant School to represent each of California's native trees. So one area that looks like a swath of green space actually has some historical/educational perspective that should be factored in to any decision.

Thank you for your consideration of these points. I encourage you to make decisions of commission rather than decisions of omission.

Stephen J. Smith

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Los Altos, CA 94024



**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:27:35 PM

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**From:** Geoff Sonn [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 3:36:46 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Grant Park Proposal

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for the donations be used to:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meet space all year long, rain or shine
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- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

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We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Geoff Sonn

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to the construction of bocce ball at Grant Park  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 11:58:28 AM

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**From:** Jim Strawbridge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Cc:** Susan Strawbridge [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opposition to the construction of bocce ball at Grant Park

Dear Members of the City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood, and on behalf of myself and my wife, I am expressing my **strong opposition** to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and that the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for the donations be used to:

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Finally, I suspect there would be far more support for a dog park at Grant Park than there is for bocce ball courts. No doubt I could find many people willing to donate to that, though I am not asking for that. I simply mention that because I would hope that the wishes of a majority of the residents would dictate what is done at Grant Park, not someone's willingness to donate funds to a pet project that caters to a few interested people. **I have lived in this neighborhood for almost 30**

**years, and I have never heard anyone ever express a desire for bocce balls courts.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim and Susan Strawbridge

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Input Regarding Grant Park  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 1:27:16 PM

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**From:** Alison Takata [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Input Regarding Grant Park

Dear Los Altos City Council,

I've lived in the Grant Park neighborhood for more than 25 years, and I don't remember sending input to the council -- other than voting in elections. Yet, you're receiving this email from me now because Grant Park is close to my home. Features you decide for the park will affect me and my family directly -- it matters to me.

I walk through Grant Park 2-3 times a day and during the last few years, I've noticed an increase in the number of families with young children on the play structures and on the large and small grass areas playing catch, kicking soccer balls, throwing a frisbee or just running around. You see people with blankets on the greens of the park -- not just families, but also -- believe it or not, teenagers and young adults.

I've heard, there's a donation to install 2 bocce ball courts. I do not understand why this donation does not need to be considered with other requests made for Grant Park by our community. Are there special interests that enable this item to move to the top of the agenda? There isn't much open space in the park, and dedicating a portion of it to bocce courts would limit the available space for multiple casual uses.

I request that City Council consider the wants and needs to the Grant Park community, and improve or modify the park based upon their input, especially when the donation covers only a portion of the cost.

Sincerely,  
Alison Takata

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: In Opposition to Grant Park Bocce Ball Court  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:54:05 AM

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**From:** Craig Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** In Opposition to Grant Park Bocce Ball Court

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

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We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Craig Thompson  
1925 Kay Drive, Los Altos

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Grant Park Bocce Ball  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:53:49 AM

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

From: Stephanie Vargo [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 10:26 AM  
To: City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
Subject: Grant Park Bocce Ball

Dear Los Altos Council Members,

I am writing today regarding your consideration of spending for a landscape plan for Grant Park that would include a bocce ball court.

I am a long time, tax paying resident of Los Altos and a registered and active voter.

I appreciate the consideration to make investments in Los Altos parks as these do create more vibrant communities.

I am concerned, however, that now is not the time to be spending this money. I believe the economic situation is far from settled and it is wise to be conservative in spending until things improve.

This might be a great idea for future consideration and I respectfully request that this be put on hold for now.

Best Regards,  
-Stephanie

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Concern re Bocce Ball court in Grant Park  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:27:41 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Vikram Visweswaraiah [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 3:44:27 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** **Concern re Bocce Ball court in Grant Park**

To City Council:

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Thank you for your consideration,

-Vik and Radha

1670 Ben Roe Dr

Los Altos CA 94024

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Grant Park Bocce ball court  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:28:12 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Vimal [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 4:04:38 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** **Grant Park Bocce ball court**

To the members of the city council,

I am a resident of Grant Park living on Newcastle Dr. This is my email expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I am very much in favour of keeping **as much open green space** at Grant Park. If the donation money needs to be used, based on my discussions with residents and neighbours, I think they can be used for a variety of purposes:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meet space all year long, rain or shine
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

My discussions with neighbours all indicate a resounding, overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. We want to keep the open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. We've seen families and students use the space for picnics or studying. While we appreciate this donation, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together.

Thank you,

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1939 Newcastle Dr

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Grant Park - bocce ball court opposition  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 8:20:14 AM

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**From:** Waas, Previn [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 8:09 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Grant Park - bocce ball court opposition

Hello Los Altos City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood (specifically 1951 Annette Lane, Los Altos) and am expressing my OPPOSITION to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

There is resounding, **overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts** in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. I personally use the current space with my 2 young kids to play frisbee and to throw a football.

We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration!

Previn Waas

1951 Annette Lane, Los Altos, CA

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**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bocce Ball Court  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:53:08 AM

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**From:** Joya Whitford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Bocce Ball Court

I am against Bocce Ball Court....just because someone donates money does not allow you to proceed without regard to residents views. Very disappointed by the City Council's approach. See below....

To City Council:

I am a resident of the Grant Park neighborhood and I am expressing my strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

I ask that the city of Los Altos develop a Master Plan for Grant Park and the Grant Park Master Plan Subcommittee ask for input from the residents of South Los Altos that use the park every day.

Residents of the neighborhood are asking for the donations be used to:

- Renew the neglected buildings at Grant Park and provide South Los Altos with meet space all year long, rain or shine
- Build a new walking path around the park (part of which is dirt)
- Add seating and benches near the buildings and at the playground
- And several other items, none of which are bocce ball courts

There is resounding, overwhelming resident opposition to bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park. Residents want to keep the open, green space. Many residents use the park's open, green space for soccer warm-ups during games, pickup tag, frisbee, football, baseball, cricket, or just free play. Families and students use the space for picnics or studying. Additionally, the donation does not cover the cost of building and maintaining the courts or the planned overhead shade structure (up to an additional \$80,000).

We appreciate this donation however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and

learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joya Whitford  
1613 Parkhills Avenue  
Los Altos

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bocce ball field in Grant Park  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 11:59:35 AM

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**From:** Beatrice Zelenko [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 11:43 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Bocce ball field in Grant Park

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Thank you for your consideration,

Regards,

Beatrice Zelenko

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Objection to Bocce Ball courts in Grant park  
**Date:** Sunday, November 8, 2020 6:57:11 PM

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dong Zheng [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** November 8, 2020 at 6:35:25 PM PST  
**To:** City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Vivian Yang [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** **Objection to Bocce Ball courts in Grant park**

Dear Los Altos City Council members;

We (Vivian Yang and Dong Zheng, with our two children) live at 1306 Morton Ave, 1/2 mile from Grant park. I walk my dog to Grant park almost everyday, and we have two kids in Montclair. The kids and I used to go to the Grant park play structure almost everyday during summer time before Covid shut down the structure. With the recent re-opening of the Grant park playing structure, we started coming back to Grant park during day light.

I would like to express our strong opposition to the construction of bocce ball courts in the green space at Grant Park.

- 1) Don't know how many people playing Bocce ball. My family don't play it, and we are not aware of any acquaintances playing Bocce Ball either. There are two Bocce ball courts in Cuesta park, but they appear to be rarely used. Besides, Cuesta Park (2.4 miles from Grant Park) is 25 acres, Grant Park is 4 acres – it is too small for bocce ball courts.
- 2) The L-shape piece of grass in Grant park is next to the basket ball courts. In summer time, there are families with small kids playing in that area, because it is outside the soccer field, so small kids don't collide with bigger kids. It is a nice secluded area for families who don't want to mix with bigger kids. There is no reason to convert a nice piece of family grass area to an area only beneficial to few people.
- 3) Grant park is a community park to the local residents, we don't want to convert it to a place holding Bocce ball tournaments and attract crowds outside Los Altos area, we prefer it as a park for the kids living near by, so that they can walk/bike to the park and play, without worrying about crowds driving to the park.

We appreciate the donation to the park, however, we ask that the City Council ensure it is dedicated to renewing the existing buildings and amenities at Grant Park so residents can have a well-functioning, comfortable place to come together in camaraderie and learning in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best regards

Dong Zheng & Vivian Yang