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**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition to Expand Pickleball in Long Beach

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Hello,

Please add this to record for this agenda item:

***12. 23-0941 Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Library Services, Health and Human Services, and Development Services. (Citywide)***

Petition: we would appreciate your support: <https://chnng.it/77D6sBzx4S>

Petition exported and attached:

Please listen the 1000's of people in LB that play Pickleball and have come from the sport of tennis. It is not hard to see what the public wants and as public servants, you have a duty to listen and act on the behalf of the people, correct?

You have no idea how much this sport brings a community (young and old) together!

Here are some more benefits:

We, the undersigned residents of Long Beach, would like to bring to your attention the numerous benefits of pickleball and express our hope for the expansion of this sport in more of our beloved Long Beach communities.

**1. Health and Fitness Benefits:**

Pickleball provides an excellent opportunity for residents of all ages to engage in a physically active pastime. It promotes cardiovascular health, improves muscle strength and flexibility, and aids in weight management.

**2. Social Connection:**

Pickleball is not just a sport; it's a community. Playing helps individuals make new friends, bond over shared interests, and foster a sense of belonging.

**3. Inclusivity:**

One of the most striking features of pickleball is its inclusivity. People of different

age groups, skill levels, and physical abilities can play together, making it a great choice for families and friends.

#### 4. Economic Benefits:

The introduction of more pickleball courts can potentially boost local businesses. Players often frequent nearby restaurants, cafes, and shops after games, stimulating the local economy.

#### 5. Affordable and Low Maintenance:

Compared to other sports facilities, pickleball courts are relatively easy and less expensive to maintain. This makes it a sustainable option for our parks and recreational areas.

#### 6. Positive Impact on Mental Health:

Engaging in physical activity like pickleball helps reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. The sport, with its social aspect, can significantly contribute to the mental well-being of our residents.

#### 7. Environmentally Friendly:

Pickleball is played on a smaller court compared to tennis or basketball, meaning less land usage and fewer resources required for construction and maintenance.

Considering the aforementioned benefits, we humbly request the Long Beach City Council to:

1. Evaluate current parks and recreational spaces for their potential to house pickleball courts.
2. Allocate funds for the construction and maintenance of these courts.
3. Promote the sport through local community events and initiatives, ensuring all residents are aware of and have access to this enriching activity.

We genuinely believe that introducing and promoting pickleball in more communities will bring numerous benefits to Long Beach, enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

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