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Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 12:48 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Council Meeting 8/22/23 - Item #12 Comments

-EXTERNAL-

Good afternoon,

In April of 2022, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to provide pickleball courts to the Long Beach community and requested a Pickleball Master Plan from the Parks and Recreation Director. That plan was presented to the council (not publicly) in August 2022. Within months the plan was obsolete and, as of today, not implemented as described.

Today, freely accessible pickleball play in Long Beach is primarily offered at Marina Vista, Bayshore, and Somerset Parks. The groups playing at these parks supply nets, balls, first aid, shade, paddle racks, etc. to hundreds of individuals of all ages who drop-in to participate. If players have their own friends to play with they can make arrangements to play at the BJK and El Dorado tennis centers where pickleball hours are limited and all players pay-to-play.

Those wishing to take professionally-led lessons, or join clinics or leagues, must look outside the city for these options as Long Beach Parks and Recreation offers no such classes.

Without permanent pickleball courts, located throughout our diverse neighborhoods, and affordable options to learn and improve at the game, the City has created a situation that bleeds accessibility and equity concerns.

Attached to this email is a petition, signed by 300 individuals, to expand pickleball opportunities in Long Beach along with two documents describing the status of local courts and suggestions on how to meet the increasing need for permanent, lighted courts.

Pickleball is here to stay. It's time for the city to #paddleup and serve this growing community by funding pickleball courts in Long Beach.

Thank you for your consideration to include pickleball court improvements and expansion in the 2024 Budget and the park improvements in Elevate 28.

Vivian Linderman
Resident of District 5

“As William James observed, we must reflect that, when we reach the end of our days, our life experience will equal what we have paid attention to, whether by choice or default.”

— Tim Wu, *The Attention Merchants: The Epic Scramble to Get Inside Our Heads*

Just IMAGINE.

Expand Pickleball Opportunities in Long Beach, CA



Started July 14, 2023

 **Petition Closed**

This petition had 275 supporters



Expand Pickleball Opportunities
Long Beach, CA

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Why this petition matters



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Name	City	State	Postal Code	Signed On
Ericia Hobbs	Pine Bluff	AR	71603	7/26/2023
Amila Hackworth	Cabot	AR	72023	7/19/2023
Funding Animal Shelters Capston	Little Rock	AR	72209	7/29/2023
M. Browning	Chandler	AZ	85224	7/19/2023
brinker sam	Los Angeles	CA	90004	7/27/2023
Andrew Lee	Los Angeles	CA	90005	7/27/2023
Debby Seesemann	Los Angeles	CA	90006	7/18/2023
Dennis Brandi	Los Angeles	CA	90006	7/26/2023
Diana Cheng	Los Angeles	CA	90006	7/26/2023
Eric Romero	Los Angeles	CA	90006	7/18/2023
Laura Guerrero	Los Angeles	CA	90006	7/26/2023
Lynn Luy	Los Angeles	CA	90006	7/26/2023
Vivek Sharma	Los Angeles	CA	90006	7/26/2023
danny brunac	Los Angeles	CA	90011	7/18/2023
Edward Sullivan	Los Angeles	CA	90012	7/27/2023
Lanie Cajudo	Los Angeles	CA	90012	7/27/2023
Nicole Gracie	Los Angeles	CA	90026	7/29/2023
Greg Gin	Los Angeles	CA	90033	8/17/2023
Albert Macias	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/26/2023
CARTER TRIGG	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/27/2023
Gerald Edrada	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/26/2023
MaryAnn Lughermo	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/26/2023
Micah Mumper	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/25/2023
Paul Carton	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/26/2023
Sarah Scott	Los Angeles	CA	90060	8/18/2023
Scott Ruiz	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/27/2023
Smaranda Brotac	Los Angeles	CA	90060	7/31/2023
Michael Ung	Downey	CA	90241	8/18/2023
Jodi Sklar	Manhattan Beach	CA	90266	7/27/2023
Wendy Wu	Rancho Palos Verdes	CA	90274	7/26/2023
Susan Weinstein	Rancho Palos Verdes	CA	90275	7/18/2023
Frank Romero	South gate	CA	90280	7/18/2023
Monica Romero	South Gate	CA	90280	7/18/2023
Leslie Keirns	San Pedro	CA	90502	7/28/2023
john huhn	Torrance	CA	90505	8/18/2023
Deborah Murtagh	Cypress	CA	90630	8/8/2023
George Minsterman	Cypress	CA	90630	7/28/2023
Ji Park	Cypress	CA	90630	7/18/2023
Kenneth Lee	Cypress	CA	90630	7/26/2023
Kristen Sifers	Norwalk	CA	90650	7/26/2023
Marietta Darling	Cerritos	CA	90703	8/15/2023
Steven Lai	Cerritos	CA	90703	7/18/2023
Keith Achterhof	Bellflower	CA	90706	7/17/2023
William Kang	Bellflower	CA	90706	7/26/2023
Jan Pavia	Harbor City	CA	90710	7/31/2023
Edward Posadas	Lakewood	CA	90712	7/26/2023

Kristen Posadas	Lakewood	CA	90712	7/26/2023
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Warren Banayos	Lakewood	CA	90713	7/26/2023
Joan Russell	Lakewood	CA	90715	7/18/2023
Gary Hovanian	Los Alamitos	CA	90720	7/16/2023
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Sharon Gustaves	Seal Beach	CA	90740	8/19/2023
Vladislav Cherniavsky	Seal Beach	CA	90740	7/28/2023
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Michael Wooten	Signal Hill	CA	90755	7/26/2023
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Elaine Richards	Long Beach	CA	90802	7/21/2023
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Liz Musch	Long Beach	CA	90802	7/26/2023
Luis Herrera	long beach	CA	90802	7/26/2023
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miriam casuso	long beach	CA	90802	7/26/2023
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Darlene Edgley	Long Beach	CA	90803	7/18/2023
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Kelly Colosimo	Long Beach	CA	90814	7/24/2023
Punika Vongdang	Long Beach	CA	90814	8/17/2023
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Anna Guico	Long beach	CA	90815	7/27/2023
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Dina Graham	Long Beach	CA	90815	7/18/2023
Donna Boehmer	Long Beach	CA	90815	7/28/2023
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Richard Ferreira	Pasadena	CA	91107	7/26/2023
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Paul Rodriguez	Lake Forest	CA	92630	7/26/2023
Aimee Iwasaki	Huntington Beach	CA	92646	7/27/2023
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Tracy Ferguson	Huntington Beach	CA	92648	7/27/2023
Sandra Lucas	Huntington Beach	CA	92649	7/27/2023
Sue Applegate	Newport Beach	CA	92660	7/28/2023
Bob Bartosch	Westminster	CA	92683	7/27/2023
Monique Hurley	Santa Ana	CA	92707	7/28/2023
Vince Lu	Fountain Valley	CA	92708	7/26/2023
Don Alejo	Anaheim	CA	92801	8/19/2023
Alison Park	Garden Grove	CA	92840	7/18/2023
Pemberton Marie	Santa Barbara	CA	93120	7/27/2023
Taylor Oldenburg	San Carlos	CA	94070	7/19/2023
Catherine Taylor	Gilroy	CA	95020	7/27/2023
Emily Bell	Sacramento	CA	95660	7/18/2023
Sakura Sato	Rancho Cordova	CA	95670	7/28/2023
Divya Nagendran	Aurora	CO	60505	7/19/2023
Marina Colonis	Waterford	CT	06385	7/26/2023
Christian Carreras	Orlando	FL	32801	7/18/2023
Earl Moona	Virginia gardens	FL	33166	7/18/2023
Corey Meyers	Lakeland	FL	33809	7/26/2023
Jahzara Mitchell	Fort Myers	FL	33919	8/15/2023
Hudsen Lockard	St.Cloud	FL	34772	8/15/2023
James Rice	Acworth	GA	30101	7/26/2023
Jennifer wasson	Bettendorf	IA	52722	7/26/2023
Avery Heiner	Boise	ID	83704	7/26/2023
Roger Gales	Athol	ID	83801	7/26/2023
Dalen Pjesky	Coeur d'Alene	ID	83815	7/18/2023
Chris Marshall	Chicago	IL	60606	7/26/2023
Kayla Vargas	Peoria	IL	61605	7/26/2023
Isaac Dausman	Warsaw	IN	46580	7/26/2023
jaime ortiz	Madison	IN	47250	7/18/2023
Joseliria Cordeiro	Lynn	MA	01904	7/28/2023
Hector Mejia	Battle Creek	MI	49017	7/26/2023
Demond Wade	Waukegan	MI	60087	7/26/2023
paigeriel pralle	Rochester	MN	55901	7/26/2023
Vee Noceda	Raleigh	NC	27604	7/26/2023
cadynce ellis	Kings Mountain	NC	28086	8/15/2023

Lily Mae. RN	Manchester	NH	03103	7/19/2023
Michael Phillips	Marlton	NJ	08053	7/19/2023
Debbi Beirne	Ventnor City	NJ	08406	7/27/2023
Jennifer Kellar	Caliente	NV	89008	8/15/2023
Tywayne Johnston	New York	NY	10016	7/26/2023
Becca Amaturro	Staten Island	NY	10306	7/26/2023
Bideangaetzpeaged ondaaz	Hampton Bays	NY	11946	7/26/2023
Aubriel Dodds	Reynoldsburg	OH	43068	7/19/2023
Taylor Lofton	Bellaire	OH	43906	7/19/2023
Dylan Drabik	Parma Heights	OH	44134	7/26/2023
Brianna Black	Connellsville	PA	15425	7/19/2023
Kyle Lawrence	Allentown	PA	18104	7/18/2023
Riley Clare	Philadelphia	PA	19116	7/26/2023
Ermy Soto	Ponce	PR	00715	7/29/2023
Bentley Blackwell	Darlington	SC	29532	7/26/2023
Rachael Thacker	Cosby	TN	37722	7/26/2023
David Pippin	Algood	TN	38506	7/28/2023
jordan simon	austin	TX	55912	7/18/2023
Ila Papin	Mabank	TX	75156	7/19/2023
Briar Hill	Fort Worth	TX	76109	7/26/2023
Jayme Pilgrim	Houston	TX	77052	8/15/2023
Melissa Tilley	Houston	TX	77052	8/15/2023
Irene Saucedo	Brownsville	TX	78520	7/18/2023
Maribel Saenz	Brownsville	TX	78520	7/19/2023
Abri Ramos	Ogden	UT	84401	7/28/2023
Savannah Tindall	Chesapeake	VA	23323	7/28/2023
Dacre Terrance	Norfolk	WV	23518	7/19/2023
mckenzie vaught	Oak Hill	WV	25901	7/19/2023
Christopher Bean				7/18/2023
Kinsey Vonburger				8/15/2023

TOTALS

All online signatures	265
All print signatures	35
Total signatures	300
California supporters	191
Long Beach supporters	131
Surrounding city supporters -	22

Downey, Lakewood, Cerritos, Cypress, Bellflower, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Signal Hill

Note: if online signers do not put in their city and zipcode, then it is determined by the suggested location per the device's IP address. Those from out-of-state reflect this as do those who have moved to Long Beach or are visiting and playing in Long Beach.

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Beth Ridley		90802	
Dr A.Z. Mason		90807	
NANCY A. NOBLE		90814	
Debra Satterthwaite		90808	
✓ JOE SCHRIDER		90712	
Javonda Shaw		90807	
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Randy Laue		90807	
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GLORIA ROTH		90803	
Adrian Franco		90712	
✓ Jorge Correa		90807	
✓ Angela Valley		90813	
✓ Jennifer Martinez		90808	
Lewis Pearson		90808	
Lisa Rodriguez		90808	
RIM MARSHALL		90808	
Loralee LaFleur		90808	

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✓ Lisa Strong		90815	
✓ Connie Queipo		90807	
George Minsterm		90807	
✓ LELLEY KNOTTS SCHLIDER		90712	
✓ JOE SCHLIDER		90712	
SANTIAGO MORALES		90808	
MICHAEL JOHNSON		90806	
SHANNON CUMMINGS		90808	
William Dalton		97012	

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DARCA DRUMMONS		90712	
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Stacy Johnson		90807	
Gisanne Taubel		90814	
Daniel Garcia		90813	

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AUGUST 2023**

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"I love playing pickle ball in lb" Emily Satterthwaite

"We need access to pickleball courts" Joe Schrider

"We need more courts for the community" Gary Ballard

"We need more courts for our community!" Nancy Noble

"LB does not have enough dedicated courts to serve its communities. Often LB locals will travel to other municipalities to enjoy this sport" Nathan Stotts

"Although the City of Long Beach is the 2nd largest city in Los Angeles County and the 7th largest city in all of California, it currently has only one dedicated pickleball court in the entire city. On April 5th, 2022, 70 pickleball players attended a City Council meeting to support an agenda item to direct the City Recreation, Parks & Marine department to work with the Pickleball Advisory Committee to develop a Pickleball Master Plan for the City. The Council unanimously supported this item with a 9-0 vote. A link to the original Long Beach Pickleball Master Plan update provided by the Director on August 12, 2022, is located at:<https://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/city-manager/media-library/documents/memos-to-the-mayor-tabbed-file-list-folders/2022/august-12--2022---update-on-the-pickleball-master-plan>The City's Pickleball Master Plan is updated regularly based upon new information and opportunities. In the first year since the City Council provided direction to the Parks Director to develop the master plan, the city has added 22 dual-striped pickleball courts at various locations throughout the city. This is a great accomplishment but still does not meet the current needs of a city of over 450,000 residents with hundreds wishing to play pickleball every single day! The current Long Beach Pickleball Master Plan shows an additional 12 dual-striped pickleball courts that are still planned but not yet funded or completed and 40 dedicated pickleball courts of which only 20 have been funded but construction has yet to begin. This petition is a request to the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and the City Council to finally budget sufficient funds to meet the current needs for dedicated pickleball courts so that city residents do not have to travel outside of the City of Long Beach to neighboring cities to play on dedicated pickleball courts. This petition is also a request for the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, City Council and staff to prioritize the implementation of these projects to get them designed and constructed expeditiously without unnecessary delays." Lee Swain

"We need more pickleball courts so that everyone who wants to play can play and so that other court sports aren't disrupted." Emily Bell

"I literally live one block from Somerset Park. It's so crowded. When I first started playing there, people were so inviting and nice. Now, they are territorial and unwelcoming. If I want to play, I drive up to Manhattan Beach. We really do need more courts in Long Beach. Pickleball is really fun if you can get on a court." Kelly Navarro

"Pickleball is a healthy activity for all ages and all family members! Long Beach City should support these efforts. Thanks" Chris Marshall

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"Pickleball Popularity Statistics Here are some of the statistics which show pickleball's ever-rising popularity. Pickleball has 8.9 million players in the United States of America as of early 2023. The number of pickleball players increased by 85.7% in 2022. The growth rate of the number of pickleball players for the three-year period is 158.6% (2020-22). The number of players playing pickleball has nearly doubled in the seven years from 2014 to 21. Every two out of three players are core players, which means that they play pickleball more than eight times a year. This shows how addictive pickleball is!" Debbie Martel

"Pickleball is a hugely growing sport and Long Beach is already far behind the curve. We need many more courts to satisfy the demand of local residents so they don't have to go to other cities to play. As for the neighbor complaints: you bought house next to a park. Now park things are happening. You can't expect a park to just sit there so you can look at the green grass." Michael Wooten

"We need more courts in our parks." Lori Preuss

"Heather asked me to and it's true, LBC is way behind developing its city with more public pickle ball courts. I mean what are you waiting for? It's only the worlds fastest growing sport for all ages. Let's go!" Robert Anderson

"PickleBall is the fastest growing sport in America these past few years. Hands down. Especially in our wonderful city of 450K residents. Currently there is only one permanent PickleBall court in LBC. Compared to the 67 permanent tennis courts in our parks and rec centers. Please make arrangements in the coming city budget to add at least 30+ permanent and dedicated PickleBall courts! Thank you. R Saner and R Amante of Belmont Heights." Bob Saner

EXPAND PICKLEBALL & CREATE DEDICATED, LIGHTED COURTS

- Long Beach needs more places to play pickleball; current locations are overwhelmed during weekend drop-in play and on some weekdays
- LB needs freely accessible dedicated, permanent pickleball courts:
 - Current court locations compete with either tennis or basketball (Bayshore, Marina Vista, Somerset)
 - Other locations are pay-to-play and have limited pickleball hours (Billie Jean King, El Dorado Park)
 - Others rely on players to either chalk or tape in courts (Stearns, Wardlow, other locations)
- Somerset is the only location offering night play throughout the week
 - More lighted courts are needed
- Needed court improvements include:
 - Shade structures for those waiting to play
 - Equipment storage: containers are great for nets, first aid, etc. but the installation of storage sheds allow space to keep EZ-up type shade structures and more.
 - Paddle racks
 - Individual court boundary fencing keeps balls from rolling onto other courts
- Some excellent parks for pickleball include:
 - Houghton Park - rarely used tennis courts; large enough to build out new, dedicated pickleball courts; adjacent to Jordan High School where pickleball is now part of the curriculum; a teen center and senior center host activities at Houghton; parking available; distance from neighbors
 - Whaley Park - rarely used tennis courts; distance from neighbors; parking available; community center with programming and available staff
 - Wardlow Park - large enough to build out new pickleball courts; distance from neighbors; parking available; community center with programming; current pickleball groups playing on basketball and volleyball areas
 - Scherer Park - rarely used tennis courts; distance from neighbors; parking available; room for new, dedicated courts
 - PanAm, Silverado, McBride, and the LB Senior Center all have indoor gymnasiums perfect to add indoor pickleball lines
 - Other parks to consider: Los Cerritos Park, Admiral Kidd Park, Bixby Park, Recreation Park, El Dorado Park, ?
- In LB pickleball play is an equity issue. Those wanting to play no-cost pickleball must bring their own equipment (balls, paddles, and nets) or rely on other players to set up and share equipment. Dedicated courts allow all residents access to play regardless of their ability to purchase equipment or travel to parks where equipment is shared.

LB PICKLEBALL COURT STATUS WARRANTS INVESTMENT IN MORE COURTS

- Ideally, every council district, if not neighborhood area, should have pickleball courts available to its residents; yet, the majority of city-striped courts are on the east side.
- In a May 2023 Trust for Public Land report on pickleball
 - LB ranks #55 out of 100 (.4 courts per 10,000 residents)
 - Virginia Beach, almost equal in population to LB boasts 57 courts or 1.7 per 10,000 residents
 - Raleigh NC, with a similar population to LB, has 38 courts (.8 courts per 10,000 people)
 - Locally, both Riverside and Anaheim outrank LB for the number of courts per capita (Riverside ranks 29; Anaheim ranks 31 with (.7 courts per 10,000))
- 458,000 estimated residents (CA Dept of Finance, 2023)
 - Long Beach boasts 166 parks
 - Long Beach covers 50 square miles
 - **There is only ONE dedicated pickleball court** (Bayshore Playground; but, it's really not dedicated - it's also striped for paddle tennis). All others in the city compete with tennis or basketball.
- Dual usage courts, striped over basketball or tennis, causes frustrations on both sides and unnecessary conflict.
- The numbers speak for themselves - 2 to 4 players on a tennis court vs. 16 players on a court.
 - Locally, pickleball social media accounts have over 1,000 followers
 - There are approximately 300 players on LB Pickleball WhatsApp groups
 - One LB Pickleball Facebook account had 400+ visitors during one recent week
 - Locals are interested in pickleball!
- Marina Vista courts are known to have over 60 players on weekend mornings.
- Somerset Park can often have over 40 players and is the only free accessible court in all of Long Beach that is lighted and available throughout the week.
- Do these numbers not warrant dedicated, lighted, permanent courts or such improvements to current courts?