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Please, share with councilmembers, mayor, and respective budget committee members:

For a year now, the Parks, Recreation and Marine Pickleball Advisory Committee has requested PRM to repair and stripe existing tennis or basketball courts for dual usage pickleball play. Some parks received support due to commitments by city councilmembers or Tidelands funds (College Estates, Bayshore, Marina Vista Parks). Somerset Park (5th District) has an active group of 50+ players, playing twice a week, yet courts are in desperate need of repair, signage, & striping. Houghton Park, (9th District) where a regular Friday group plays, also needs repair, signage, & striping. It is inconceivable these requests were not included in the PR&M budget for 2023 when PR&M Director Dennis is well aware of the needs & requests. Nor, were these parks selected for the Measure A fund improvements detailed by PR&M. Why are these areas being ignored? What does it take to get improvements to parks in north Long Beach? Is this just another argument for the inequities present throughout the LB communities? Please, find the funds to add to the 2023 budget to meet the growing need for pickleball courts in district 5/9 and throughout the city.

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