

June 6, 2021

Dear esteemed City Councilmembers,

My name is Preston Pinkney, and I am the founder of the Pinkney Foundation, a non-profit that serves underprivileged youth by providing them with various development programs, including recreational youth golfing curricula. I am also the CEO of the African American Tour Quest (AATQ), a non-profit that is working to promote diversity in professional golf through the mentorship and sponsorship of Black golfers.

Through my work with the Pinkney Foundation and the AATQ, I have worked closely with Umesh Patel and the rest of the Greenway team. We have hosted youth events, as well as the inaugural AATQ tournament, at Corica Park.

I am asking the Commissioners to support changes to the Food and Beverage offerings at the course. First, having flexibility in the food offerings for youth programs is so important, as for many kids, the only healthy meal they get every day is from programs like these. Second, if Greenway can increase offerings at the course, it will make its tournaments more appealing, bringing more funding to charity tournaments that benefit good causes and providing the greatest possible benefit to Bay Area residents.

I urge you all to approve Greenway's proposed lease amendment for the good of the course and the organizations that partner with it. Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Preston Pinkney

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Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Ben Gucciardi and I am the founder and executive director of Soccer Without Borders. Soccer Without Borders provides in-school, after-school, weekend, and summer programs to underserved children across Alameda County and is a crucial resource to newcomer refugee and immigrant youth. In the last year, Soccer Without Borders served almost 2,000 children from 37 different countries of origin.

Soccer Without Borders works closely with Corica Park and the Greenway team. This past year, we hosted several events at the course and we are now running a summer camp in partnership with Corica Park. The On the Green Golf and Play Summer Camps are introducing the game of golf to youth who don't typically have access to the sport and providing participants with a fun, healthy and positive summer experience.

Having first-hand experience with these camps, I believe it is important that the City Council support changes to the Food and Beverage offerings at the course. First, having flexibility in the food offerings for camps is so important, as for many kids, the only healthy meal they get every day is from programs like these summer camps. Second, if Greenway can increase business at the Course, that strengthens their ability to provide more programs for the kids most in need in our community. Finally, I believe bringing together local businesses will create a more collaborative environment and allow us all to provide the greatest possible benefit to one of the Bay Area's most vulnerable populations.

Please support Greenway's lease amendment for the good of our current and future campers. Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben L'.

Ben Gucciardi

June 28, 2021

To: Mayor Ashcraft; Vice Mayor Vella; Councilmember Daysog; Councilmember Spencer;
Councilmember White

This letter is in support of the City of Alameda granting Greenway Golf the rights to have their own food and beverage program and event venue at the Corica Park Golf Course. A golf venue of this magnitude that is gaining national attention must have a first class food and beverage program along with a dedicated event space if it is to attract high-end golf tournaments to Alameda. Furthermore, the development of a dedicated venue inclusive of food and beverage would provide space for nonprofits, corporations, service clubs and families to hold events. Something that is a huge challenge on the island of Alameda.

Greenway Golf has become a wonderful partner to many of Alameda organizations. They provide free golf camps to youth that do not have the resources to learn golf. They support local nonprofits such as the Alameda Boys & Girls Club through sponsorship of events and donated golf packages and the majority owner, Umesh Patel, has a long history with Alameda and truly cares about the community and its residents.

Over my 33 years with Boys & Girls Clubs I have conducted nearly 100 golf tournaments and well over 100 special events. The current arrangement at Corica Park Golf prohibits many organizations from considering Alameda for their tournaments, losing money for Greenway Golf and the City of Alameda. An event space that would meet the needs of other fundraisers, weddings and rentals would not only generate revenue for the City and Greenway, but would also expose outside groups to Alameda.

I request the members of Alameda City Council to please consider approving Greenway Golf to provide a food and beverage service at Corica Park Golf Course. This would be a win-win for the City, Corica Park Golf Course and organizations such as the Alameda Boys & Girls Club.

Thank you,



Jeff Miller, CEO
Alameda Boys & Girls Club



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