

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

AGENDA April 13, 2023

Item 6-B – Review and Comment on Pickleball

Public Comment

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park Pickleball Courts

From: Deni Manning [mailto:denimanning@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:34 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park Pickleball Courts

Hi,

I play pickleball at Lincoln Park and usually have to wait with others to play. We can use more pickleball courts in Alameda. It would be great to convert the 3 tennis courts into 12 pickleball courts or even 2 tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts. The least favorite option is to make them for both with multiple lines.

Thank you,
Deni

Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:11 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi park

From: Connie Adachi [mailto:connieadachi@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:10 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi park

As a regular east bay pickleball player, I was excited to hear about a possible new location at this park in alameda. I am strongly in favor! Thank you.

Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi pickleball

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

From: Ecdowning [mailto:ecdouning@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 10:03 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi pickleball

Please create some additional courts at Krusi Park. They are badly needed for this growing, popular sport in Alameda. The current 4 for courts in our city are grossly inadequate. Thanks for you consideration. Ed Downing

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:46 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] krusi tennis/pickleball courts

From: Tracy S [mailto:tracydsoriano@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:01 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] krusi tennis/pickleball courts

I can not attend the krusi court meeting on thursday

I am very interested in the krusi courts being used in a multi use fashion. Alameda has too few pickleball courts and I often see the Krusi courts empty.

Thank you

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Meeting for Proposed Lining of Krusi Park
Attachments: We sent you safe versions of your files; Input Meeting - Krusi Park - 03-23-23.pdf

From: Karen Campbell [mailto:karen.campbell.510@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:55 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting for Proposed Lining of Krusi Park

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Hello,

I will be unable to attend Thursday's meeting but wanted to express my support for lining the Krusi Park courts for Pickleball. On the occasions that I drive by the Krusi Park courts I rarely, if ever, see the courts being used, especially during the weekdays. I've always assumed that this is because tennis is more accessible to younger players who are unable to play during the week. I think the sport of Pickleball is accessible to all ages especially older adults who usually have more time especially during weekdays to play the sport. Lining the courts for Pickleball will increase usage by all ages.

Thanks for your consideration,
Karen

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Edward Kallas <EKallas@alamedaca.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 9:10 AM
Subject: [Alameda Pickleball] proposed lining of Krusi Park _ follow up to questions
To: Alameda Pickleball <alameda_pickleball@googlegroups.com>

Hello

Some of you have asked if you may email your views on the proposed lining of Krusi Park for Pickleball and Tennis.

You can email arpd@alamedaca.gov

Additionally the flier for the meeting is attached here.

Sincerely,

Ed

Ed Kallas

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It's a big group, please think twice before hitting "Reply All." (Ex: If someone posts looking for a game at a particular time, reply to them PRIVATELY.)

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alameda_pickleball+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.

To view this discussion on the web visit

https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/alameda_pickleball/09522550df9b4e3c988ff6e4542784de%40alamedaca.gov.

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:45 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pick a ball courts

From: Janice Lalley [mailto:janice@jlcom.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:09 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pick a ball courts

I can't attend the meeting Because I'm traveling but I would vote yes for some pickleball courts at Krusi park.

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:50 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Community meeting re Krusi

From: Beth McMahon [mailto:bmw3309@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 4:52 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Community meeting re Krusi

I am unable to attend the meeting but would like to express my support for putting lines on the courts for PB. There are currently only 4 outdoor courts at Lincoln that have massive numbers of people waiting during the day, evening and most weekends. My observation of Krusi is that it is underused from a tennis perspective and there are many other tennis options. From a space perspective up to 16 people can play PB in the same space as 4 tennis players. Thanks for your consideration.

Beth McMahon
3309 Eugenia Ct, Alameda, CA 94502, USA

Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 5:50 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park for Pickleball and Tennis

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

*From: Larry Barone [mailto:larrybarone@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 5:43 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park for Pickleball and Tennis*

I am Lawrence (Larry) Barone, a resident and homeowner in Alameda at 1515 4th St.

As a long-time, former, tennis player and current pickleball player, I would love to see the courts at Krusi double lined to accomodate both sports. Since I will out-of-town for the meeting on Mar 23, I am writing this email to add my voice to the discussion.

I had to stop playing tennis due to injuries and aging, but have really enjoyed pickleball since November of 2022. And while I would love to see more pickleball-dedicated facilities in Alameda, I also sympathize with tennis players reluctant to give up limited courts. Double lining the courts at Krusi for both sports is a solid compromise.

As a beginner/intermediate player, I have felt welcome at the crowded pickleball courts at Lincoln Park and have enjoyed participating in ARP classes and indoor play at the gym on the Point. However, it is very difficult to find courts to practice on, drill, play with newer players, or reserve a court to play with a fixed group in Alameda. Recent efforts to open up the gym at the Point are greatly appreciated, but not a substitute for outdoor courts in our beautiful climate.

Since November 2022, I have used the Krusi courts almost weekly to practice pickleball with players at my level that I met in classes. These courts are already double-lined, but not for tennis/pickleball but something else (no one has been able to identify what the second set of lines are for). So, we used chalk or tape to mark the pickleball court lines (removing the tape after use) with throw-down, plastic markers at the corners. Over all these months, we only saw tennis players at the courts a few times: two couples playing doubles; an instructor/coach with two kids; a woman/mother and son; and a man practicing his serve. The biggest competition for use of the courts came from a P.E. Teacher and his class in search of a dry surface due to all the rains. We all had no issues sharing the courts and had pleasant exchanges. In fact we cooperated to avoid playing closer to the workmen installing cell tower equipment near one court.

Please make this under-utilized facility easily usable for both sports.

*Sincerely,
Larry Barone
1515 4th St.
Alameda, CA 94501*

Katherine Sirota

From: Martha Tellez on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 9:03 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts at Krusi

From: Chris Hartmann [mailto:cshartmann@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:55 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts at Krusi

As an avid pickleball player at Lincoln Park, I would like to add my voice to supporting converting 2 or 3 of the tennis courts at Krusi to pickleball. Based on a recent survey I conducted, there are over 200 active players (150 of them Alameda residents) for whom Lincoln is the closest court. Particularly for Alameda residents, any travel to courts off the island is time consuming.

Krusi seems like an ideal location since it has been less used for tennis historically than the other courts, particularly Washington Park. It already has lights, a big missing piece at Lincoln which prevents working residents from playing during the week. It also has a greater separation from residences.

With 15 public tennis courts currently in Alameda, and many more private, it doesn't seem like the loss of 2 or 3 of the least used courts would create an undue hardship on tennis players and the additional 6 to 9 pickleball courts would be a HUGE boost to pickleball players, who often find 32-40 players at Lincoln with only 16 available slots. In addition, when ARPD needs the courts for classes, weekly drills and events, there is literally no place for drop in play in Alameda.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chris
Chris Hartmann

Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 12:44 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Reasons to Add Pickleball Lines at Krusi

From: Themy Adachi [mailto:themyjo@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 12:43 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reasons to Add Pickleball Lines at Krusi

ARPD,

Reasons To Add Pickleball Lines at Krusi

Pickleball Court Demand Far Exceeds Supply

Pickleball court demand far exceeds their supply in Alameda. The four courts at Lincoln Park often have wait times, especially on weekends and after work periods. There is a fee associated with pickleball courts at the gym so at this time it is not free court access. New court construction at Estuary Park is far off in the future. Twenty paddles were hung on the fence at one time last week to wait for a pickleball court, which should make the immediate need for additional pickleball court access quite evident.

Pickleball Court Access Should Be Equitable to Tennis Court Access

Now that court reservations are prohibited at Lincoln, pickleball players may not schedule court access with their friends / comparable competitors, do drill sessions, or take private lessons with a variety of instructors. On the other hand, there are many unused tennis courts throughout the day and tennis players still have the ability to reserve courts. Why wouldn't these sport populations be granted equitable / fair access to court space?

Multi-Sport Facility Usage Is Necessary to Meet the Needs of Diverse User Groups and Is Most Cost Effective

With limited tax-payer recreational facility space, shared use of that precious space has always been the logical answer. For example, a gym can be used for basketball, volleyball, badminton, indoor soccer, aerobics, dance, yoga, etc. A swimming pool can be used for lap swimming, competitive racing, water exercise, waterpolo, aqua jogging, learn-to-swim lessons, recreational free play, etc. A field is used by baseball, soccer, frisbee players, recreational users, etc. Every square foot of recreational space is precious and expensive and therefore usage should be maximized to within reasonable limits. This includes using outdoor court space for both tennis and pickleball where feasible. Pickleball court rentals and tournaments can also generate ARPD revenue. Lining Krusi for pickleball is a very inexpensive way to increase pickleball courts in Alameda and maximize facility use to serve a broader range of tax-paying Alameda residents.

Enable Seniors to Participate in One of the Few Sports That They Can Still Physically Play

ARPD strives to be inclusive and serve user groups from youth to seniors, with a wide variety of programming to meet their interests. Pickleball is one of the limited number of physically active sports that is extremely popular among seniors. It is also the fastest growing sport in America, and with the ARPD lessons offered, the number of pickleball players in Alameda keeps growing.

The Usual Objections to Pickleball Are Not Present or Can Be Mitigated at Krusi

Noise: The closest houses are separated from the courts by a fairly large green space/ corn hull/ walking path. It's already a somewhat busy area with street noise from High and Otis, a park with a play structure for young children, baseball field, and the adjacent elementary school. Limiting pickleball to daylight hours when neighbors are more likely to be at work or not needing quiet hours would also mitigate any noise issues.

Parking: There is ample street parking in the surrounding neighborhood for the maximum number of pickleball players on the courts at one time.

Losing tennis courts: Krusi is currently underutilized with the tennis courts often empty. There are so many tennis courts in Alameda that even if Krusi were full, a tennis player could more likely find an empty court at a different Alameda location. Furthermore, unlike Alameda pickleball players, Alameda tennis players can play on lighted courts at Washington and Lydecker that extend their hours of play into the evening. I cannot think of a sport, other than tennis, that has exclusive use of Alameda facilities at all times. If the Krusi courts ever became overcrowded, then perhaps scheduling separate courts and times for tennis and for pickleball would be prudent to mitigate usage issues.

Please paint pickleball lines at Krusi to help serve the needs of over 700 seniors playing pickleball in Alameda. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Themy-Jo Adachi

Katherine Sirota

From: Martha Tellez on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 10:02 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: Pickleball Courts at Krusi Park

From: Helen Simpson [mailto:HSimpson@MPBF.com]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 10:00 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts at Krusi Park

Hello. I am a pickleball player and I play at Lincoln Park.

I support converting 2 or 3 tennis courts at Krusi Park to Pickleball courts. I am not sure of the number of Pickleball players that play at Lincoln Park, but there are 700+ people on the Alameda Pickleball group email. Krusi Park would be a great location since it is not heavily used by tennis players it has lights, which is a big plus for players, like me, who work during the day and the only time I can play is at night and the weekends. During the summer, which it is light outside, I play in the evening 5 days a week at Lincoln Park.

From my review on Google earth, I counted 55 total tennis courts and 6 Pickleball courts. There are 4 dedicated public Pickleball courts and 15 public tennis courts. Having more pickleball courts in one location, would mean that Alameda could hold tournaments to bring in money to ARPD and the city. During the weekend at Lincoln Park, there are at times 40+ people waiting to play Pickleball on the 4 dedicated courts. In addition to people waiting to play, ARPD has Pickleball lessons and other activities, which means less courts for anyone to drop in the play Pickleball.

With the idea of painting Pickleball lines and sharing the courts with tennis, is that there will need to be a reservation system or dedicated times to play either tennis or Pickleball. The courts are public courts and open to the public to play and should not be during specific times. Also, who will be monitoring the courts to make sure that tennis players are there during their dedicated time and Pickleball players are there during their dedicated time? It is just like kids playing in public parks, they are open to all kids at any given time of the day.

Thank you for your consideration converting the tennis courts to dedicated Pickleball courts. Alameda needs more than 4 public courts.

Helen Simpson
Resident of Alameda

Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:06 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] 3/24/23 Meeting regarding Krusi and PB lines

From: Anthony Wong [mailto:anthony_c_wong@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 7:16 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3/24/23 Meeting regarding Krusi and PB lines

I am unable to attend the meeting regarding this issue. I had some short random comments in support of PB lines and at least designated times for PB at Krusi. When I was younger, I used to play an occasional game of tennis at Krusi or Leydecker. Now, I constantly see open courts at both Leydecker and especially Krusi these days when driving or walking past these places. I feel there are more than enough courts for the tennis community, but there's a much larger demand for PB courts.

As the largest growing sport, I'm hoping the city of Alameda can find it's way to accommodate the exponential demand for the members of the Alameda community. Something that may be missed is due to the demand and lack of courts in Alameda, we tend to go to other cities with more PB court availability. We are now supporting small businesses in other cities whether we go out to lunch or go to the store. By having more courts in Alameda, we would make it a destination for PB players in other cities to come to and keep Alameda PB players in Alameda. Indirectly our smaller business would benefit from this increase in PB players.

Please let me know if you have any question or comments. Thanks for listening.

Anthony Wong

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:13 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park Meeting

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

*From: judycbroughton@gmail.com [mailto:judycbroughton@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:47 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park Meeting*

Hello- Thrilled to hear that Pickleball may be added at Krusi....we desperately need more courts in Alameda! I would like to recommend doing things at Krusi the same way they do on shared courts in Piedmont : Designate a few 3-4 hour blocks of time per week for Pickleball that is ALL DROP-IN PLAY with NO RESERVATIONS OF COURTS allowed. This has worked very well for sharing the courts with tennis while also promoting an inclusive atmosphere for pickleball since everyone is expected to rotate in and out. Thank you, Judy Broughton

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:16 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park Pickleball

From: Dana Whitlock [mailto:whitlockdm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 6:05 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park Pickleball

That has a nice ring to it!
Dear ARPD:

I am writing in support of Pickleball at Krusi Park. As you may or may not be aware (and if you are not, please come out to play!) Lincoln Park Pickleball is alive a well.... so well that we have outgrown having just 4 courts in Alameda. Long wait times are the norm now. I know you support physical activity and fitness as well as community and fun - and that is exactly all that Pickleball brings to the table. The number of seniors that have revived their love of physical activity is amazing and the sport has infiltrated all the way down to the grade schoolers, so we regularly see grandkids playing with the granddads/moms.... enriching their own families as well as the community as a whole. I've never seen a sport that has embraced multigenerational participation quite like PB. Although dedicated courts - taking 1 or two of the little used tennis courts at Krusi and converting to full time PB courts - would be the ideal, at the minimum, having shared use courts is much needed. It works in other communities and it can work in Alameda. Help Alameda keep up with the rest of the world in supporting PB - for it's citizens and community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dana

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:24 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball capacity in Alameda

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

*From: Ann McCormick [mailto:4mccormicks@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:22 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball capacity in Alameda*

I am a resident of Alameda and support adding more pickleball courts. I support converting one or more courts at Krusi, and I'm eager to see the addition of courts at Estuary Park.

*Regards,
John McCormick
510/406-8005*

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:16 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

From: Linda Duchscherer [mailto:lola5757@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 6:43 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Hi,
I am a tennis and pickleball player and I support the adding of pickleball lines at Alameda's Krusi Park tennis courts.
Thank you!
Lind Duchscherer

Sent from my iPad

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:06 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball lines at Crusi Tennis courts

From: Ben Lillywhite [mailto:blillywhite11@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 3:03 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball lines at Crusi Tennis courts

Please add my name in supporting this proposed project.
-Ben Lillywhite

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:44 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Please add pickleball lines to Krusi Park Tennis Courts

From: Susie Childs [mailto:susie12childs@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:39 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please add pickleball lines to Krusi Park Tennis Courts

Hi ARPD - I wanted to express my hopes that pickleball lines will be added to the Alameda Krusi Park Tennis Courts. As an avid player, having more courts available will allow more to play and will help spread out players across the limited courts we now have.

Thank you for considering this. Please add the lines to make playing more accessible for all.
Susie Childs

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:07 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

From: Tricia Parrish [mailto:tpk501@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2023 7:57 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Hello,

I'm a resident of Alameda and have tremendously enjoyed learning and playing pickleball. I took a beginner class with Jean Metzger thru ARPD. I love the sport and the social aspect of it. People are so welcoming and enthusiastic about the sport and including everyone in the game. It's been a very important part of my life, especially coming out of covid. I notice empty tennis courts in Alameda. I would like to see these courts include pickleball. It's a fun, community sport that welcomes everyone.

Thank you,
Tricia Parrish

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:42 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Support for the creation of additional Pickleball Courts in Alameda

From: Renata Frey [mailto:renatafrey64@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 11:19 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the creation of additional Pickleball Courts in Alameda

Greetings,

I am writing in support of the need for additional Pickleball courts in Alameda. I have been a regular player for the past two years and have seen the incredible increase in participants over that time. Pickleball is a great community activity. Everyone can play and is welcome, fast to learn, spontaneous, just show up.. so many great attributes.

I understand that Alameda has a limited amount of space and funds for the creation of additional sporting facilities, I have also been involved in efforts to rebuild Emma Hood swim center at AHS. Therefore, although everyone would prefer dedicated facilities for their sport, this is not likely to happen. Swim/Water Polo share every available pool, Volleyball/Badminton/Basketball share every available gymnasium, Soccer/Lacrosse/Rugby share every available field, etc. It seems completely logical that Tennis and Pickleball should share courts. Whether conversion of a few Tennis courts to Pickleball courts (1:3 ratio) or multiple stripings on courts with portable nets, the options to increasing the number of Pickleball courts in Alameda seem to be achievable with minimal inconvenience to one of the few sports that currently claims sole use of space.

Thank you for supporting this equal access, community building sport.

Renata Frey

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:16 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: Pickleball

From: Ivona Xiezopolski [mailto:annacarmen2000@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:16 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

I support the adding of pickleball lines at Alameda's Krusi Park tennis courts.

It would be even better to convert tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts as they get used much more!

Thanks,

Ivona Xie

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:04 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Add more courts!

From: Pamela Merrill [mailto:merrillpamela4@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 5:02 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Add more courts!

Since retirement all I do is pickleball. Tennis is too difficult. Pickleball gives us seniors social and physical joy!

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:36 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Add Pickleball lines at Krusi Park Tennis Courts

From: Winifred Thompson [mailto:winigerry@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:33 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: jmelgar.pball@gmail.com; Daniel Borden <dbb3@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Add Pickleball lines at Krusi Park Tennis Courts

Please add pickleball lines to the Krusi Park Tennis Courts in Alameda.
(Since lines are better than nothing.)
Pickleball is incredibly popular in many areas in the United States.
Many Bay Area residents want to play pickleball.
It's sad that there aren't more opportunities for people to play pickleball.

Thank you!
Winifred and Gerald Thompson

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park tennis courts

From: Cece Moore [mailto:cecebythebay@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:12 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park tennis courts

Hello, my name is Cece. I have lived in Alameda for the last 21 years. I live very close to Krusi park, and I have used the tennis courts there in the past. I will be attending the meeting on Thursday regarding striping the tennis courts for pickleball. I would like to say I think it's a good idea as pickleball is such a fast growing sport, and there are not that many places to play in Alameda. I really don't see people playing tennis that often on those courts, and I either walk, or drive by the park almost daily. Hope this will work out to everyone's satisfaction.

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/Cece
cecebythebay@gmail.com

"All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast." - John Gunther

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7:47 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

From: Rwhitakr [mailto:rwhitakr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:51 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

I would like to express my support for the adding pickleball lines at Alameda's Krusi Park tennis courts. My friends and I have played at Lincoln Park several times and know additional courts to play on would be very helpful for the community.

Thank you,

Rhonda Whitaker

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public Hearing re: Krusi Park Courts

From: Natalie Cargill [mailto:nataliecargill@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 10:44 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Hearing re: Krusi Park Courts

Hello,

I'm working at the time of the public the meeting this week and am unable to attend, so am sending you my personal opinion in advance.

Please, please, please make some (or all) of the courts at Krusi Park mixed use for Tennis and PB! There are so many of us wanting to play PB, and find it difficult to access courts, particularly on the weekends. I live near Krusi Park and see the Tennis courts there standing empty a great deal of the time. I think making them mixed use would be a positive use of our park resources.

Thank you,
Natalie Cargill

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Tennis & Pickleball at Krusi Park - 4/23 mtg.

From: Cecilia Domingo [mailto:ceciliad3424@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:29 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Jean Melgar <jmelgar.pball@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis & Pickleball at Krusi Park - 4/23 mtg.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Cecilia de la Cruz Domingo and I have been enthusiastically playing pickleball regularly (4-5 days a week) at Lincoln Park. Pickleball has become a passion of mine since being introduced to the sport 2 1/2 years ago.

I strongly support ARPD adding pickleball lines to the Krusi Park tennis courts. It is a great first step in accommodating the ever growing number of pickleball players in Alameda.

The current four courts at Lincoln Park are enjoyed by many and heavily used. Pickleball provides a wonderful, healthy, and inexpensive activity for our older population as well as our youth. Additional pickleball courts - be them lined tennis courts or dedicated pickleball courts - would benefit those that want to be outside, active and social.

In addition, I know several people who regularly drive from neighboring cities such as Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward to play pickleball in Alameda. Those players from other cities spend money on dining, retail, and entertainment which supports Alameda's small businesses.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to voice my strong support for the addition of pickleball lines at Alameda's Krusi Park tennis courts.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia de la Cruz Domingo
Bay Farm Island resident
510-865-1876

Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 12:41 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] In support for sharing all tennis courts for pickleball at Krusi part

From: SM [mailto:suzannemarquis@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 12:19 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support for sharing all tennis courts for pickleball at Krusi part

Hello,

I'm a long time Alameda resident that plays pickleball 5+ hours a week. We really need more pickleball courts in Alameda quickly. Not just 2 courts proposed at Krusi as being proposed by the tennis club, but more like 10 courts because the pickleball community is already so large (700+ on ARPD dlist I think). There are often 20+ people waiting for courts on a non-rainy day while there is hardly ever a tennis player at Krusi.

Pickleball is a great multi-generational sport, anyone can play, and easily accessible to any budget and ages (kids, grandparents...). It's a great community that encourages healthy lifestyle and strong support.

We're willing to share all 3 courts in the short-term with tennis players (i.e., 10 temporary pickleball courts) at Krusi but we need many more dedicated courts in Alameda, other than the 4 existing ones at Lincoln and the few planned at Sea Lagoon (?).

Thank you for supporting large pickleball community in Alameda -- and continuing to grow at fast pace!

Suzanne Marquis

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:55 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi pb & tennis

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*From: Marianne McNair, CSR#7030 [mailto:m.mcnaircsr7030@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:45 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi pb & tennis*

Over the last year I've taken a mental note when I've driven by Krusi and 9 out of 10 times nobody is playing tennis there. My friend who lives nearby also has noticed this. A few times I've seen young children running around. These courts are way underutilized. Whereas at Lincoln, it's becoming more and more common that pickleball players have to wait 1/2 hour to play a 15 minute game. A number of people play primarily in Hayward now or it would be even worse. We need more courts and Krusi is the perfect place to add pb lines to play. Tennis rarely uses these courts. We can share. Lots of other cities do this with success.

Sincerely,

Marianne McNair, CSR7030

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:02 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Pickleball Community Meeting

From: nrfong [mailto:nrfong@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:01 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Pickleball Community Meeting

I'm a resident local to Krusi Park and attended today's community meeting. Nicely done, getting so many people involved with this.

People were very passionate and mostly respectful, and the ARPD reps did a good job keeping the conversation going and under control. Many topics got discussed, and I took notes on many of them (let me know if you need any recap).

I left early when I had to get back to work, but I'm interested in the results and decisions that fall out of this discussion. Where can I follow the next steps for the Krusi Pickleball Courts?

Thanks,
Nick Fong
2830 Clay St.

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:37 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball at Krusi Park

From: Bonnie Halpern [mailto:ohonlaurel@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:32 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball at Krusi Park

I am writing to urge you to make Krusi Park tennis courts available to pickleball players by striping the courts for pickleball. Currently, pickleball is only available to the hundreds of players at Lincoln Park on 4 courts. On a recent Monday afternoon the crowds at these courts can be seen in the following two photos:



Unlike tennis, pickleball is almost exclusively played by 4 people at a time. A game of pickleball may take 15-

20 minutes at which time it is required that the two teams exit the court and 4 more players enter. Trying to restrict these many, many players to only 4 courts for the entire city of Alameda is an unfair usage of ARPD resources. Pickleball is a rapidly growing sport. Many cities, both locally and nationwide, share their recreational spaces with both tennis and pickleball. Nearby cities who do so are Oakland, Richmond, Albany, El Cerrito and Piedmont.

I have heard that the tennis players have complained that pickleball is a noisy sport and may disturb nearby neighbors. A simple solution for this problem is to convert the Washington Park courts to pickleball and return Lincoln Park to tennis.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue ~

Bonnie Halpern
838 Laurel St
Alameda, CA

Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

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*From: Cheryl Saxton [mailto:golfingdc@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:56 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball*

I am writing in support of pickleball lines to be added to the courts at Krusi park. Making these underutilized tennis courts multi use is a win win for everyone. The only pickleball courts in Alameda at Lincoln park are often so crowded that it requires folks to wait 30 minutes between 15 minute games, and we all wait because we love the game!

I hope you will choose to add the lines to these courts and hopefully in the future have more dedicated pickleball courts!

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Saxton DC

Sent from my iPhone 🍀

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: Supporting Pickleball lines at Krusi park

From: Michelle Pero [mailto:shellpero@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:51 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Pickleball lines at Krusi park

Hello ARPD,

I am writing in full support of adding pickleball lines to create at least 6 courts at Krusi park.

I am a long time Alameda homeowner, and property taxpayer who has been playing pickleball since 2018 when I learned how to play through a Mastick Center class. Pickleball is a fantastic sport for people of all ages. I often play with people as young as 10 and as old as late 70's, early 80's. Pickleball brings the community together and I have met so, so many other residents that I would have otherwise not had the chance to meet.

I live on BayFarm island and drive by the Krusi parks nearly everyday at different times. I rarely, rarely ever see people playing tennis on the courts at Krusi. I understand there is a tennis group mobilizing against putting down additional lines on the tennis courts. As you may know, Pickleball has experienced an explosion of growth in new players in the last 3 years. Tennis is on the decline, in fact dozens of new Pickleball players were former tennis players. They gave up tennis in favor of playing Pickleball. In Alameda parks, there are at least 15 dedicated tennis courts, while Pickleball has only 4 dedicated courts. We were able to have a couple of extra courts set up at Alameda Point gym, but this is only for a limited number of hours, during the rain season and requires pre-registration, and isn't available to those who work during the day. Currently there are no lighted courts to play Pickleball, while tennis has many lighted courts to play at.

Given the limited available space, it makes sense for Pickleball and Tennis to co-exist on shared courts. Or convert two (2) tennis courts at Krusi to eight (8) Pickleball courts (one tennis court at Lincoln park was turned into 4 pickle courts) . This would then mean 13 dedicated tennis courts and 12 Pickleball courts, a much more even number between the two sports. We could hold larger revenue generating tournament and leagues if we had more Pickleball courts available.

Also, there are many sports on our island that share facilities; pools have swimming lanes and lessons, water polo, water aerobics etc. Grass fields are used for lacrosse, soccer, baseball, softball, rugby, etc. In addition, gyms use their courts for basketball, volleyball, badminton, etc. While both tennis and pickleball prefer to have their own dedicated courts, sharing may be the best alternative. There are other cities that have shared courts, including Piedmont and Oakland.

Pickleball has become a real revenue generator for the parks department. I have taken numerous lessons, clinics, participated in tournaments and have rented the courts for private group use, all of which generate money for the city. We have even rented enough courts to have birthday celebrations. I'm not sure tennis generates this type of revenue through court use.

Lastly, more Pickleball courts are desperately needed due to overcrowding. Nearly every time I go to play at Lincoln, all 4 courts are used with 16 players playing. There are typically 20-30 additional people waiting to play. Unlike tennis games, which can take hours, pickleball can cycle games through rather quickly, typically 10-15 minutes a game. Thus, many more people can exercise, utilize the courts and socialize between games.

Please expand Pickleball courts so we can all get out and exercise in our great city.

Regards,
Michelle Pero Igo
510 604-6434

Katherine Sirota

From: Ashley Cendejas on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park's shared lines with tennis

From: Jean Melgar [mailto:jmelgar.pball@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 11:21 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Krusi Park's shared lines with tennis

First of all, thank you to Dave Leimsieder and Matt Nowlen for hosting the community meeting today at Krusi Park.

My name is Jean Melgar. I have been an Alameda pickleball player for about 5 years. I am the USA Pickleball Ambassador for Alameda and a volunteer for ARPD.

As part of my volunteering for the ARPD pickleball program, I have been offering free intro pickleball classes at Lincoln Park since 2019. Myself and a team of volunteer players from the Alameda Pickleball Community have taught 103 people in 2019, 59 people in 2020, even during the pandemic, and 152 in 2021. Last year, 303 people attended our classes. Hundreds more have been taught by our other independent Alameda instructors and by other instructors in neighboring cities. This year, with the growth and interests continuing to rise, more people will be loving pickleball and more and more players are expected to call Lincoln Park as their home courts.

As they mentioned today, Dave and Matt are aware of how much additional courts are in demand in Alameda. It is actually great that they and ARPD have acknowledged that pickleball is popular and growing in the Island City. And, it has been for a long time and that is why our Alameda Pickleball Community is over 500+ today, and consists of Alameda residents and residents of nearby cities.

I was meeting with Amy Wooldridge and Eric Robbins back in 2021 with hopes of finding locations for more pickleball courts. Unfortunately, after several months, we were not successful and to my disappointment, they just stopped looking. Although, we are grateful that the much needed resurfacing of the Lincoln courts was finally done last year after having to play on unsafe courts for 3 years. But, when I heard last week Krusi was being considered for adding lines for pickleball courts, I was very excited since Amy kept saying in 2021 that "converting existing courts is not on the table." And, I have asked specifically for Krusi Park when there were no other location options left back then.

After listening to all the concerns expressed at the community meeting, I know issues can be worked out with fair solutions and compromises. I do strongly agree that there should be a committee of pickleball players, tennis players and neighbors to try and come up with ideas, suggestions and recommendations to make the Tennis/Pickleball plan work for everyone. And, I also think a trial run would be a great idea. My suggestion is a couple of months before the resurfacing begins, line the courts for pickleball. Let the pickleball community start playing. Give it at least 2 months and see how the tennis and pickleball players and neighbors are taking in the situation. See if issues that were brought up today actually surfaced and if they did, the committee can figure out a fix. If issues are still there and cannot be resolved, let the committee propose another Tennis/Pickleball coexisting plan. Overcrowding at Lincoln has been an issue since 2019. The Alameda Pickleball Community will be very grateful, appreciative and happy with additional pickleball courts. Of course, we prefer dedicated, but shared courts are also more courts to play on. And lighted courts are even better.

Just a note, when the Estuary Park's 4 courts are completed, having them would be great additions for our

community and will be guaranteed to be utilized fully. Other pickleballers from other East Bay cities will be enjoying the Estuary courts, too, especially if they are lighted dedicated courts... and near food. With Pickleball, it's like... you build courts, they will come. Courts are also in demand in other cities, especially lighted courts.

Thank you for your efforts in helping our pickleball community.

Jean Melgar

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 8:22 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball lines on Krusi courts

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

*From: Melinda Downing [mailto:melindadowning@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:50 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alameda.ca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball lines on Krusi courts*

*To Whom It May Concern,
I attended the Thursday afternoon meeting at the Krusi courts to consider sharing these tennis courts with pickleball.*

There seemed to be two issues:

- 1. the noise for the neighbors*
- 2. tennis players not wanting to share the courts because of the second (third?) set of lines on the courts.*

There are two ways to address these two issues.

1. The noise issue can only be resolved by having a trial period to see how much noise is actually generated by pickleball in the area of the closest homes. I know that noise monitors were used by the CLASS noise committee so this strategy could be implemented by ARPD. Is there actually a noise ordinance in Alameda for recreational areas?

2. It was stated in the meeting that there are 15 tennis courts in Alameda and 4 pickleball courts. Also stated by an attendee at the meeting, was that the Krusi tennis courts have not "been used for years" due to their poor condition.

Tennis players should be willing to share tennis courts that are rarely used.

A mix of shared courts and dedicated courts seems to be working in both Oakland and Piedmont.

Good luck in resolving this issue.

*Melinda Downing
Alameda resident
melindadowning@comcast.net*

Katherine Sirota

From: Martha Tellez on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 1:13 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT - Krusi Park Pickeball

From: Steven Chow [mailto:1337collection@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 1:01 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT - Krusi Park Pickeball

Dear ARPD,

Thank you for setting up the community meeting on March 23 to discuss the future of the Krusi Park tennis courts. I support adding additional striping to enable multi-use tennis and pickleball play. The park is already a public facility with baseball, uses, open space, a playground, and a community facility. Adding an option for pickleball would further enhance this multi-functional space, and would benefit many members of the community without significant cost.

I understand that there may be some nearby opposition, but the park is already a community recreational area, and it doesn't make sense to preclude a very popular and healthy community activity because of the voice of a few people living there. It is unreasonable to expect that the park will never change, and it is also unreasonable to think that pickleball would somehow add a substantial amount of noise to a location that already has so many community events, recreational facilities, and a school.

I believe the neighbors who live nearby will also benefit from the wonderful social aspects that pickleball brings, though they may not know it yet. As you deliberate whether or not to move forward, I'm hopeful that you will consider the many benefits that adding pickleball to Krusi Park will have for the greater Alameda community.

Best,
Steven

Katherine Sirota

From: Martha Tellez on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 1:17 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Krusi Park

From: Monica Ly [mailto:lymonicab@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 1:15 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Krusi Park

Good afternoon,

Sorry I completely missed the meeting yesterday. My name is Monica I live right next to the park, only two houses away on Clay Street. I just wanted to say that I support the city restriping the tennis courts so that they can be multi-purpose tennis courts/pickleball courts. I think that pickleball is a very accessible sport and that the community would greatly benefit from restriping the tennis courts. When I was at Lincoln Park I noticed that pickleball players filled the courts throughout the day and all of the courts were occupied and fully utilized. It would be so nice if the tennis courts at Krusi Park were also multi purpose so that more residents can utilize the park. Thank you.

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Katherine Sirota

From: Katherine Sirota on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Court -Krusi Park

From: Patricia Petrovich [mailto:pattpetrovich@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 9:04 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Court -Krusi Park

Good Morning:

I am writing to you to offer my concern for the establishment of Pickleball Court at Krusi Park.

There is a very quiet and peaceful neighborhood that surrounds Krusi Park. My neighbors and I are against this pickleball court being set up here.

There are also numerous homes that have small children in daycare that would suffer negatively from the horrendous-constant, uncontrolled noise.

Additionally, there is an elementary school here that uses the park for the kids. Plus the baseball field and the dog park are used daily as well. They all would be negatively impacted!

This is a long establishment neighborhood that would be negatively impacted by adding this pickleball court.

Some have even stated that they would move if this happens.

This recreational sport should not be allowed to create this atmosphere here.

After all, this is the most desirable, safe city, to live in, in the entire Bay Area. That is why people chose to live here and not in any of the adjoining cities.

Since there is already a new pickleball court being established at Alameda Point, this one isn't needed.

I am sure there are several individuals who want to make their life easier to have a closer park for them to play pickleball, but the negative impact on hundreds of homes and the elementary school, makes this desire UNACCEPTABLE, to all of us who have to endure the horrendous noise.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance.

Patt Petrovich
3262 Cape Cod Ct.
Alameda, CA 94501

Katherine Sirota

From: ARPD
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 4:58 PM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball at Krusi

From: Camilla SFO [mailto:camillasfo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 4:30 PM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball at Krusi

Good Afternoon,

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the meeting at Krusi last week.

I stand with keeping the tennis courts at Krusi for the exclusive sport of tennis.

I live on High St. near the tennis courts. My backyard faces the park.

These courts are used for playing and teaching others to play.

There are 4 pickleball courts at Lincoln which is a nearby neighborhood park.

While sitting in my backyard, I enjoy the sounds of the park, music, children playing, parties, softball and tennis etc.

Having two courts shared with pickleball will present a noise problem from pickleball which can be very disruptive to a pleasant afternoon in my yard.

Adding pickleball will also bring additional visitors to the park and create even more of a parking problem. Myself and several neighbors had to widen our driveways to insure we could park. I had often returned home to find that not only had someone parked in the large 2 car space between me and my neighbor, they parked in the middle of it. As a senior carrying groceries into the house from several houses away was difficult.

The courts at Krusi are very close to residences and the noise of a ball hitting a pickleball paddle for many hours on a daily basis would be very disruptive.

Keep Krusi courts exclusive for tennis. Those wishing to play pickleball can enjoy the the courts at Lincoln.

Thank you,
Camilla Whyte
977 High St.

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Katherine Sirota

From: Martha Tellez on behalf of ARPD
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 10:27 AM
To: Matt Nowlen
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Please don't reduce tennis courts at Krusi Park

From: john vu [mailto:johnvqv@ yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 10:26 AM
To: ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please don't reduce tennis courts at Krusi Park

Hello,

Currently, it is very hard to find a tennis court to use for my kids in the afternoons and on weekends. When we go to Bayfarm the courts are also taken. Demand is high for when kids want to use the tennis courts, especially when there are private lessons there.

There's already a pickleball court on the East End, and only one tennis court, so why would we take over more space on the tennis court for pickleball?

The city should allocate equal space for tennis courts so taking that space away makes it unfair and takes away already limited space that our kids deserve.

Thank you,
A concerned resident.
John Vu
I'd be happy to discuss.
415-308-3348