

Hello City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

My family has been involved in the junior golf program at Corica Park since 2008, dating back to when it was known as Chuck Corica Golf Complex. Over the past 17 years, the junior golf programs there have had a profound and lasting impact on our two daughters' golf journeys.

We have experienced these programs both before and after the changes implemented at Corica Park. During this time, the game of golf has continued to grow significantly, with especially strong increases in junior golf and women's golf participation. We believe golf should be accessible to all people, regardless of religion, financial status, or race.

The programs that have been in place over the past several years have had a tremendously positive impact on Alameda and on growing the game of golf in an inclusive and meaningful way. Both of our daughters have worked for and volunteered with Greenway Golf, and through their firsthand experiences, they have directly seen how these programs positively impact people of all ages and backgrounds.

We sincerely hope to see these programs continue and further grow at Corica Park. Thank you for listening and for your continued support of our community.

Sincerely,

Julee Chai

Alameda, CA

**From:** [Lenhardt, Miriam](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
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Dear Council,

I am writing in support of Greenway Golf. I am a lifelong resident of Alameda, a teacher, and a parent of a child whose life was changed by Greenway golf, its leaders, head coaches, the teen coaches, and its community of young golf enthusiasts.

My son became part of Greenway four years ago, when he was a sixth grader. He had never played golf and never would have; had we not found this program. On the first day he came home he said, "I've found my sport." He continued to play with Greenway, attended their summer programs, and took part in their afterschool golf programs. This year, he made his school's golf team.

Access to this program is critical for our island's young people. Our family would not have been able to afford this sport and keep it up without Greenway. This program builds confidence in our youth and shapes them in ways that extend far beyond the green. This program keeps the course diverse on every level by encouraging people of all types, socio-economic backgrounds, genders, and abilities to build skills in and through a sport traditionally monopolized by a wealthier less diverse group.

I am sorry to be in a time crunch and not have more time to elaborate on the ways that Greenway has changed our island for the better for our young people and community at large. Greenway is an irreplaceable and necessary program for Alameda.

Sincerely,  
Miriam Lenhardt

**From:** [sophia tejeda](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [Manager Manager](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Justin Long](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
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Dear City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

My name is Sophia Tejada, and I am writing to share my experience with Corica Park as a former college student-athlete.

As an international student, having access to Corica Park meant far more to me than just a place to practice. It gave me the opportunity to train with my team, continue competing in the sport I love, and ultimately contribute to reaching nationals. That experience was not only important for my athletic development, but also for my personal growth while adapting to a new country and environment.

Corica Park became a space where I felt supported, included, and able to pursue my goals. The accessibility of the course and the welcoming environment created opportunities that I would not have had otherwise. It played a meaningful role in shaping my college experience—one that I will never forget.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support the vision and efforts that keep Corica Park inclusive, and accessible to students, athletes, and the broader community. Spaces like this have a lasting impact on people's lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sophia Tejada

Dear Members of the Alameda City Council,

I am writing to express my support for Greenway Golf Associates in relation to the ongoing discussions surrounding the management of Corica Park. As someone who is closely connected to the course and its community, I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Greenway has had on this important public space.

I have seen the transformation of Corica Park into a high-quality, accessible golf facility. The development of the golf courses and programs stands as a testament to their commitment to excellence, sustainability, and community engagement. The course has not only received recognition but has also become a valued recreational asset for residents and visitors alike.

My perspective also comes from my experience as a former college player on the Cal State East Bay women's golf team, where I was able to see Corica Park from the outside looking in. Even then, it was clear that this facility stood apart from others. Now, through my continued connection and relationships with those involved in the youth programs, I have an even deeper appreciation for the impact this space has on young people in Alameda. Golf here is more than just a sport, it creates a welcoming and inclusive environment where youth feel safe, supported, and encouraged to grow. The many programs offered provide access to the game for kids of all backgrounds, helping them build confidence, discipline, and a sense of belonging. Through partnerships with local high schools and colleges, these programs also create pathways for young players to continue their development, both athletically and academically. It is truly inspiring to see how youth not only learn the game here but evolve into confident individuals with opportunities for the future.

Corica Park is more than just a golf course for me; it is a community that provides meaningful recreational opportunities and youth programs for the City of Alameda.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Alma Garcia

Diane B. Ngo  
350 Central Avenue, Apt 204  
Alameda, CA 94501

May 5, 2026

To: City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff

Hello,

My name is Diane B. Ngo, and I am writing in support of Greenway Golf / Corica Park. I am a Program Manager for the Department of Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and moved from San Francisco to the island during the pandemic when we were allowed to work remotely from home. Corica Park and neighboring golf courses were positives in me choosing Alameda as my home.

For over 40 years, golf has been a place of refuge and source of community for this polio survivor. I consider golf to be the most adaptable sport where all ages, skill levels, and abilities can participate and enjoy. Last year in May, I was asked to serve as President of the newly formed [NorCal Adaptive Golf Club](#), an associate club with the [Northern CA Golf Association](#) (Instagram account [@norcalagc](#)). Our adaptive community continues to face challenges to awareness and access to adaptable equipment for individuals living with disabilities to learn and play golf in a safe and enjoyable way. Corica is one of only two local golf courses that provide a [standup and play golf cart](#) to help wheelchair users and those with mobility challenges navigate the courses. Greenway's commitment in supporting the community goes beyond providing equipment for us. They highlighted my work as an Asian American artist in last year's Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage (AANHPI) Month in their May's newsletter and purchased my [Bao Linh Art](#) cards and resold them in their pro shop.

There was no hesitation when I spoke with Avani Patel about this and since I continue to collaborate with Tamara Sabella, Greenway Director of Community Engagement & Programs, expanding and creating holistic opportunities to bring more communities to fully utilize Corica. Personally, Greenway's mission aligns with NAGC's mission of inclusion and supporting adaptive golf in Northern California. We are incredibly blessed to have such an organization that truly cares for populations on the margins through their programming and inviting us to partner with them moving forward!

I am happy to answer any follow-up questions.

Sincerely yours,

Diane B. Ngo  
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**From:** [Soni Obinger](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [Manager Manager](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Justin Long](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued community-focused initiatives and inclusive programming at Greenway Golf.

Over the past several years, Greenway Golf has evolved into much more than a traditional golf course. Through intentional effort and thoughtful leadership, it has become a welcoming, accessible space for people of all backgrounds. The introduction of community programs, events, and open access opportunities has helped transform this space into a shared asset—one that fosters connection, recreation, and a sense of belonging.

These efforts have made a meaningful impact. For many, Greenway Golf is no longer just a place for a single sport, but a hub for community life. Families, beginners, and individuals who may not have previously felt included in golf or similar environments now have a place where they feel welcome. That kind of inclusive approach is rare and worth protecting.

I understand that change can be difficult, and not everyone may agree with the direction these efforts have taken. However, expanding access to public spaces and ensuring they serve a broader cross-section of the community aligns with the values of equity, inclusion, and responsible stewardship of shared resources.

I respectfully urge the City Council to support the continuation and growth of these initiatives. Preserving and strengthening this vision will ensure that Greenway Golf remains a vibrant, inclusive space that benefits the entire community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Soni Obinger



May 5, 2026

Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Ben Gucciardi and I am the founder and 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. For five years, we hosted several events at the course and we have collaborated to run 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. The Greenway Golf and Corica Park staff members are deeply committed to creating a more inclusive Alameda and greater east bay. They have been outstanding partners, and have our full support in all ways. The Greenway team is an essential part of a healthier, more inclusive East Bay.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ben Gucciardi

**From:** [Kay Worthington](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [Manager Manager](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Justin Long](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
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To whom It May Concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to speak in support of Tamara Sabella in particular and Greenway Golf/Corica Park in general. As a resident of Bay Farm Island for eighteen years, I gifted my husband and son many hours of lessons and practice rounds at the Corica Park driving range. This local, neighborhood, affordable access was invaluable to my son's participation in the game of golf.

While my son was at high school (Bishop O'Dowd), he and many of his friends would spend frequent Sunday afternoons at the driving range to ease the burden of studying and improve their game. It was a fun bonding experience. Interestingly, one of my son's best friends was a female golfer who is now on a full golf scholarship at the University of Arizona. Sydney Silva was the best golfer of them all and often provided all her male (athlete) friends tips and ways to improve their golf swing when they hung out at the driving range. I can't think of a more wholesome activity for high school friends. And the best part was the levelling of the playing field, where there was a girl showing the boys how its done.

In my volunteer work, I have relied on Tamara for her sound advice and insights into the community. I am a Board member for Oakland Strokes rowing club. Our organization also has a Community Partnership initiative to provide access to under-resourced community kids. I have worked through a number of thorny problems with Tamara's experience and thoughtful approach. She is a creative, thoughtful leader who is attentive to questions and issues. She gets right back to people personally, which in today's world of electronic communication is not always the case. Greenway Golf has found an excellent leader for their Community Engagement programs in her.

I would like to speak strongly in support of Greenway Golf & Corica Park as a local community resource which provides affordable, accessible programming.

Please feel free to contact me further if you have any questions on the above.

Sincerely,

Kay Worthington

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## Written Comments for May 5, 2026 City of Alameda City Council Meeting

Dear City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

I am writing to share my perspective on the importance of Corica Park and the impact it has had on my life and the broader community.

As a coach at Corica Park, and as someone who began working there at the age of 16, I have had the opportunity to directly support and mentor youth in our community. This experience has been one of the most meaningful and impactful parts of my life. Corica Park is not just a recreational space, it is a place where people come together to connect, learn, and grow.

Through my work, I have seen firsthand how the park creates opportunities for young people, especially those who may not otherwise have access to such programs. It provides a safe, inclusive environment where youth can develop skills, build confidence, and form meaningful relationships. Programs like these do more than introduce new activities, they open doors to future opportunities and inspire personal growth.

Corica Park represents what a public space should be: accessible, community-centered, and supportive of development for people of all backgrounds. The sense of belonging and purpose it fosters is something that should be protected and continued.

A program that uplifts youth, strengthens community bonds, and promotes positive growth should be supported and preserved. I strongly urge you to consider the real and lasting impact Corica Park has on individuals like myself and the many families it serves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Samar Shimila

**From:** [Cassandra Puspoki](#)  
**To:** [Tamara Sabella](#); [City Clerk](#); [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [Manager Manager](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Justin Long](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
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## Written Comments for May 5, 2026 City of Alameda City Council Meeting

On Mon, May 4, 2026 at 3:30 PM Tamara Sabella <[tamara@greenwaygolf.com](mailto:tamara@greenwaygolf.com)> wrote:

P.S. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like assistance with the letter. Happy to help in any way. Also, if you are coming out to speak, you can submit a letter as well. If you expressed interest in speaking, I will write to you again to confirm the timing at City Hall. Thank you!

In community,

Tamara Sabella  
Director, Community Engagement  
Greenway Golf/Corica Park  
(she, her)

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On Mon, May 4, 2026 at 2:34 PM Tamara Sabella <[tamara@greenwaygolf.com](mailto:tamara@greenwaygolf.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon Corica Fam,

Thank you so much for your continued support. We deeply appreciate you.

File type: PDFs (we can PDF for people if needed)

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Addressed to: City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff

Email **before 12:00 pm tomorrow (May 5)** to:

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In community,

Tamara Sabella  
Director, Community Engagement  
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(she, her)

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City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

I just wanted to take a moment to recognize how incredible the owners of Corica are and the impact they're making.

What they've built goes far beyond a golf course, it's a space that creates real opportunity for underserved youth. By making the game more accessible, they're not only introducing kids to golf, but also helping build confidence, discipline, and a sense of belonging. That kind of exposure truly changes the trajectory of a young person's life.

On a personal level, I'm really grateful for the support they've given me throughout my college golf journey and my young professional development. Their encouragement and belief in me made a meaningful difference, and I know I'm not the only one who has experienced that.

They've also created an environment that supports professional growth—not just for me, but for so many others. It's rare to be part of something where people are genuinely invested in helping you grow both personally and professionally.

It's inspiring to see people use their platform in such a meaningful way, and I feel really grateful to be connected to that mission.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Puspoki

**From:** [Krish](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment re. City of Alameda v. Greenway Golf Associates, Inc.  
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Krish, and I am a high school sophomore. I am submitting a written copy of my public comment for tonight's meeting because Corica Park is a very special place for me and many other kids.

Greenway Golf has supported me for over three years as I started programs for veterans and other youth. I want to make sure the City Council understands how much they have done for us. Please include my letter in the public record for the meeting tonight.

Thank you,

Krish

5th May, 2026

**Mayor Ashcraft and the Alameda City Council**

2263 Santa Clara Avenue  
Alameda, CA 94501

**Opposition to the city's action against Greenway Golf**

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and the Alameda City Council,

My name is Krish, and I'm a high school sophomore. I am writing because Corica Park is a special place for me and other kids, and I am really worried that the city's actions against Greenway Golf will hurt our growth as golfers and as leaders in this community.

It shouldn't be a surprise that Greenway has built one of the best public courses in the country. From the newly renovated short course, the challenging South course, to the incredible North course, Greenway has created something unmatched in the entire Bay Area. Every detail - the pot bunkers, the great drainage, and even the walnut shell cart paths - shows how much they care. To me, Corica Park is easily the best part of not just Alameda but the entire Bay Area,

But Greenway is about way more than just golf. They actually care about our community. They've made an Open Space for everyone - veterans, artists, bird watchers, and students like me. They champion the causes I care about. When I wanted to start youth-led programs, Greenway didn't just welcome and support the idea; they gave me the space, and everything I need to make them real. For over three years, they've helped me connect young people with veterans and mentor new golfers. Because of Greenway, kids like me have what we need to become not just good golfers, but good leaders.

Corica is a place that brings people together. Greenway has put all their energy into making Alameda a better place. Please don't push them out. I am asking you to visit the course and see it for yourselves. Talk to the youth, the veterans, and the community members. You will see why this matters so much to all of us.

Respectfully,

Krish Veluthakkal



May 5, 2026

To: The City of Alameda City Council Members and Staff

Subject: Support for Greenway Golf

Dear Members of the Alameda City Council,

On behalf of Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA), I am writing to express our strong support for Corica Park and its operator Greenway Golf.

PCA is a national nonprofit committed to creating a positive, equitable, and accessible youth sports experience for all young people. Through our work with the Oakland Sport Equity Coalition, we have had the privilege of partnering closely with Corica Park and Greenway Golf. Their contributions to our coalition—and to the broader East Bay community—have been both meaningful and consistent.

Corica Park has served as a vital community hub, generously opening its space at no cost to host coalition meetings and gatherings. This kind of in-kind support is rare and reflects a genuine commitment to community partnership. Beyond providing space, Greenway Golf has actively collaborated with PCA to host free Positive Youth Development coach trainings, equipping local coaches with tools to create supportive, inclusive environments for young athletes- golfers, and beyond!

What stands out most is their dedication to accessibility and inclusion. Corica Park is not simply a golf facility—it is a welcoming, community-centered space offering engaging programs and events that serve youth, families, and residents from across the Bay Area on an ongoing basis. From introductory golf experiences to creative and inclusive activities, their approach helps break down traditional barriers to the sport while fostering connection, wellness, and joy.

Greenway Golf's leadership has demonstrated what it means to steward a public asset with intention and care. Their work aligns deeply with PCA's mission to ensure that all young people—regardless of background—have access to positive sports experiences that build character and community.

We respectfully encourage the City of Alameda to recognize and support the continued efforts of Corica Park and Greenway Golf. Their impact extends far beyond the course, strengthening the social fabric of the community and expanding access to opportunities that benefit countless young people and families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Shannon Luff*

Director, Community Impact Operations  
Positive Coaching Alliance

**From:** [Mani](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
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Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Members of the City Council,

Please find the attached written public comment regarding the City's ongoing legal actions against Greenway Golf at Corica Park.

As a regular visitor to the facility, I am deeply concerned by the disconnect between the City's public narrative and the actual results Greenway has delivered on the ground. I am submitting this for the official record to urge the Council to re-evaluate its stance and prioritize preservation of this world-class community asset.

I request this comment to be distributed to all Council members and included in the public record for tonight's meeting.

Sincerely,

Mani Veluthakkal

5th May, 2026

**Mayor Ashcraft and the Alameda City Council**

2263 Santa Clara Avenue  
Alameda, CA 94501

**Accountability and Fact-Checking Regarding Greenway Golf and Corica Park**

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and the Alameda City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the city's ongoing legal hostility toward Greenway Golf. As a frequent visitor to Corica Park and a witness to its transformation, it has become impossible to ignore the widening gap between the city's public accusations and the reality on the ground.

The facts simply do not match the city's narrative. For years, the public has been told that the renovation of the North Course was a failure of management or financial stability. Yet, the North Course is open, finished to a world-class standard by Robert Trent Jones Jr., and stands as a testament to Greenway's commitment. To continue leaning into outdated or fabricated claims of "breach" when the work has been completed is the definition of bad faith.

It appears the city is more interested in maintaining a narrative of conflict than acknowledging a successful partnership. The motivations behind this continued hostility are unclear; whether it stems from personal bias or other political agendas, but using the City Council as a bully pulpit to harass a productive tenant is a misuse of public office.

Greenway has not only invested millions in private capital into public land, but they have also created a space that serves veterans, youth, and the environment in ways few other municipalities ever have. Instead of litigating against success - the city's own success - the Council should be asking why it is trying to dismantle the "jewel" of its own parks system.

I urge you to stop the "litigation-first" approach and actually visit the facility. Talk to the community members who are there every day. If you look at the evidence objectively, it is clear that the city's accusations are unsubstantiated. It is time to drop the bad faith arguments, stop the bullying, and let Greenway continue to serve the people of Alameda.

Respectfully,

Mani Veluthakkal

May 5, 2026

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**Re: Support for Greenway Golf at Corica Park**

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council, I am writing in strong support of Greenway Golf and its continued stewardship of Corica Park.

I've been an Alameda resident since 1998 when my husband and I moved from San Francisco to start our family. For more than 20 years we lived next to Umesh and Avani Patel, sharing a cul-de-sac to raise our boys. In 2018 they hired my landscape design services to renovate their front yard. They reached out again two years ago on behalf of Greenway Golf to design and install the pollinator gardens surrounding the Corica fire tower. Through these projects I learned more about the Patels' passion, vision and action-based commitment to making Corica a model eco-friendly golf course and community space for all. I believe Greenway Golf is positioned to be the best stewards of public land creating an exceptional golf experience that also supports biodiversity, wildlife, healthy soil and water and meaningful community access.

It was during my work onsite I learned more about all community programs offered at Corica Park, including free meeting space for local scouts and nonprofit groups, weekly tours for birding and wildlife advocacy groups, health and wellness programs, and summer camps that provide free meals, teach core values and introduce golf to kids who may not otherwise have access to the sport.

Having taught martial arts for 15 years through the Alameda Education Foundation afterschool enrichment program, I know first-hand how youth programs can positively change a student's life. I also know how important public and private support is for making these opportunities possible.

When Umesh and Avani asked me to join the Greenway team as their first sustainability manager, I was inspired by the broad opportunities for expanding habitat and environmental education at Corica Park. With their support, I look forward to helping build habitat in the course's 30-plus acres of non-playable space, improve soil and water health and add native trees and plantings to support our local birds, pollinators and wildlife.

For these reasons, it's disappointing and discouraging to see both the City and Greenway Golf divert limited time, energy and funding on litigation rather than working together to create something truly beneficial for Alameda. I do not claim to know every detail of the history, but from my perspective, the conflict has become a distraction from

the real opportunity: to support a public space that can serve golfers, children, families, environmental advocates, and the broader Alameda community.

Alameda is an amazing place to live. We've seen so much progress since moving here in 1998. Park and Webster street business districts are thriving with diverse restaurants and businesses, Alameda Point has become a beautiful and desirable destination with restaurants, additional ferry service to and from San Francisco and exciting plans for parks, tidal wetlands and an arts center. Corica Park is an integral part of that progress and community - offering a public space that can support recreation, environmental stewardship, youth programs, wellness, education, and connection. Rather than resisting change, my hope is that Alameda will embrace and grow thoughtfully with it.

I respectfully encourage the City Council to support Greenway Golf's ongoing work at Corica Park and stop wasteful litigation. Corica has the potential to become a model public destination not only for excellent golf, but also for birders, pollinator and wildlife advocates, native species study, marsh restoration, environmental education, and safe spaces where children and families can flourish. Rather than continuing to fight, I urge the City and Greenway Golf to work together in good faith, use limited public and private resources wisely, and focus time, energy, and funds where they can have the greatest positive impact: improving Corica Park for the Alameda community, the environment, and future generations.

Sincerely,

Marla Lee  
510/912-3779

**From:** [Lena Jones](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [Manager Manager](#); [Amy Wooldridge](#); [Justin Long](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
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City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

Please see attached letter in support of Corica Park and Greenway Golf.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my experience.  
Lena

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Lena Z Jones  
[Big Huge Day Events](#)  
434-466-7389

Dear City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

As a business partner of Greenway Golf, I worked exclusively with operations and events at Corica Park over the past two years. There are three words that stand out to me about my experience:

1. Intentional
2. Community Oriented
3. Investment

As someone who did not come from a golf background I was surprised to learn everything the company and its staff did to build a different experience of golf. First, they are **intentional**, holding a vision for how a space, small business, and welcoming culture can bring people together. From golfers to yogis to car enthusiasts. Encouraging different programs and people into the space has truly transformed a golf course into a green space for all. Second, they want to be of and for the **community**. From charities to other businesses, Alameda always comes first. That shows up in who they host for First Fridays, the local fundraisers they financially support or host, the annual camp that brings in youth from the immediate area. As a small business owner I have personally benefitted from their generosity, donating directly to youth volunteers that assist my running events and offering “free” space to gather active Alamedans on Mother’s Day. Their generosity to *build with* the community creates a ripple effect, benefitting more than their business. Last, they have invested in the space in a massive way. From hiring local staff to improving the sustainability of the land they **invest** whole heartily in the future health of the space and its people. No expenses are spared when restructuring the North course and then offering a free opening to the entire community, not just golfers, bird watchers, artists, families. They upgraded the fire tower, changing an eye sore into community art, for Corica users and the community that passes it daily. The quality of the buildings and the space indicate the level of commitment to a vision that doesn’t just benefit Greenway Golf but generations to come.

It is my great hope that their positive impact on Alameda and the surrounding area will carry equal weight in any decisions around their business.

With appreciation,

Lena Z Jones

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To City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

## The Importance of Dedicated Spaces for Women

Creating intentional spaces for women in golf is no longer just about diversity—it is about **economic growth, community health, and social equity**.

- **Breaking Barriers to Entry:** Traditionally, golf has been perceived as an exclusive environment. By fostering a women-centric community, we lower the intimidation factor, allowing new players to develop skills in a supportive, low-pressure atmosphere.
- **A Platform for Wellness:** Golf serves as a powerful tool for mental and physical well-being. It provides a unique "third space" outside of work and home where people can focus on personal growth, mindfulness, and physical activity.
- **Professional and Social Networking:** Golf remains a primary vehicle for business and community leadership. Providing women with equal access to the "outdoor boardroom" ensures they are not excluded from the networking opportunities that the sport naturally facilitates.
- **Economic Impact:** Women represent the fastest-growing demographic in the sport. Communities that invest in women-friendly programming see increased revenue through greens fees, apparel sales, and local event participation.

## Why Corica Park is Leading the Way

Located in the heart of Alameda, Corica Park has become a national model for how a public municipal facility can drive modern inclusivity.

- **Public Accessibility:** Unlike private country clubs, Corica Park offers championship-quality facilities—such as the South Course and the extensive Lucius Bateman short-game area—to the general public. This ensures that the benefits of the sport are accessible to all residents of Alameda County, regardless of socioeconomic status.
- **A "Come as You Are" Culture:** Corica Park has successfully shifted the golf narrative from "exclusionary" to "communal." Its atmosphere encourages diverse groups—including working professionals, young athletes, and community organizers—to utilize the space as a social hub.
- **A Hub for Community Organizing:** Corica Park serves as the home base for grassroots initiatives, including women's golf invitationals and tournaments. These events bring visitors to Alameda County, supporting local business and showcasing the county as a leader in progressive sports management.

## Conclusion

Supporting the growth of women's golf at Corica Park is an investment in the **social fabric of Alameda County**. By continuing to champion these initiatives, the County ensures that golf remains a vibrant, inclusive, and health-focused activity for all citizens.

Thank you,

Judy Tran

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Good morning Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

Please read my attached letter with care and attention.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Alameda City Council,

My name is David Mann, and I am writing as a former Alameda business owner and current employee of Greenway Golf to express my strong support for Greenway Golf in its ongoing lawsuit with the City.

For over 20 years, I owned and operated La Val's Pizza in Harbor Bay. After retiring from that chapter of my life, I took a position at the pro shop at Corica Park. As of last March, I transitioned into a full-time facilities role with Greenway Golf. This has given me a firsthand view of their operations, values, and contributions to our community.

What I have seen is a company that is deeply committed to Alameda—not just as a business, but as a community partner. Their involvement in local programs, particularly their “On the Green” initiative, has made a meaningful impact on underserved youth by introducing them to the game of golf and providing opportunities that might not otherwise be available.

At my core, I am a golfer. From that perspective, I can also say that Greenway Golf has developed and maintained one of the finest golf facilities in the area. Corica Park is not just a place to play—it is a space that brings people together, promotes the game, and reflects positively on the City of Alameda.

Based on my experience both as a longtime local business owner and now as someone working within the organization, I believe Greenway Golf operates with integrity and a genuine commitment to the community. I respectfully urge the City Council to take these contributions into account as you consider the current dispute.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David Mann

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Respectfully submitting my comments for a letter of support for Corica Golf.

Please see attached.

May 5, 2026

City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff

RE: Written Comments for May 5, 2026 City of Alameda, City Council Meeting

Dear Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

As a second generation Alameda resident that was raised within blocks of the Corica Golf Course, and now, as a parent of a Middle School and Elementary School student, I would like to express my enthusiastic **support for Corica Golf's community programs** that so many Alameda families, such as ours have benefitted from. As an Alameda family, our engagement with Corica's Community Programs have been consistent— **Corica has meant so much to our family as a place for gathering, friendships and community**-- across three generations of our family.

Our family has particularly benefited from the youth programs we have engaged with year round—from the Youth programs on Sunday mornings, Alameda Junior Golf Club with the volunteer chaperones who graciously (and patiently) mentor our youth on golf course etiquette, to the seasonal after school programs that bring students across the island together, **I cannot be more grateful that this safe community space is in our backyards.**

Corica as it currently is, has been so much more than a standalone entity—it has become a venue that has supported efforts of AUSD (as a venue for our 2025 Earhart fundraiser to support Elementary Science Programs), and it's after school programs teach the importance of mentorship and volunteerism. These programs exist because Corica has welcomed all, and in doing so, they support the broader mission and values of many organizations throughout the island.

In a time where there are so many competing interests for our attention, it is with **deep appreciation and gratitude** that Corica exists and builds upon what is so special in our community--- **strengthening our bonds to the community, uplifting our values of inclusiveness and supporting the future of a sport that has long been a part of this island's history.**

Change is inevitable, but the evolution and broadening of the programs and the physical infrastructures at Corica have been notably positive, and it is my sincere wish that we continue to build upon its foundation for future generations of golfers in Alameda and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alameda Mother and Corica Supporter

Alameda City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of Greenway Golf continuing to operate Corica Park. I am a lifelong Alameda resident who has played golf at Corica Park for over 40 years. I was in the Alameda Junior golf club 30 years ago and my kids are in it now. I was as impatient as anyone for the Earl Fry North course to be completed. However, I am very happy with the condition of the courses, the availability of tee times, and the general efficiency with which the property is operated. It isn't the end of the world if the Men's and Women's golf clubs don't get all the preferential treatment they used to get, and the new programming at Corica Park, while not all my first pick, seems reasonable and definitely not worth suing over. I request that the city drop the lawsuit and find better things to do with my tax money.

Regards,  
Andrew Thornton



Sistas on the Links Golf Club, Inc.

May 4, 2026

To: The City of Alameda City Council Members and Staff

Subject: Support for Greenway Golf

I would like to offer my support for Greenway Golf and the amazing work they are doing to at Corica Park Golf to make the golf course a community space. They are helping to make the game of golf accessible to all by creating an environment that is welcoming, affordable, inclusive and representative of the surrounding community

My organization, Sistas on the Links have partnered with Greenway Golf on a two-week long summer girls' golf clinic over the past three years at no cost to participating girls. In addition, Greenway Golf offer time on the driving range and golf course to youth at no cost. Greenway Golf partner with local cities, non-profit organizations and golf association to deliver programing to remove financial and entry barriers to the game of golf. Greenway Golf inviting atmosphere results in creating a welcoming and comforting environment for folks in the community who didn't feel like they belonged on the golf course. And this is their intent as told to me when I met the managers and staff.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Johnson, President and Founder

*Sistas on the Links Golf Club, Inc.*

Dear City of Alameda Officials,

I am writing to express my strong support for Greenway Golf Inc and the continued efforts to expand and enhance its presence within our community.

Greenway Golf has played a meaningful role in improving access to the game of golf for all walks of life in the Bay Area. By making the sport more approachable and inclusive, the organization has opened doors for individuals and families who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to participate. This increased accessibility has helped break down long-standing barriers associated with the sport, fostering a more diverse and welcoming environment for players of all backgrounds and skill levels.

Beyond accessibility, Greenway Golf has brought about positive and noticeable changes within the community. Their initiatives have created opportunities for youth engagement, skill development, and outdoor recreation, all of which contribute to a healthier and more connected Alameda. The organization has also helped cultivate a sense of community by bringing people together through shared experiences, events, and programs centered around the game.

These contributions extend beyond recreation, they support community well-being, encourage active lifestyles, and strengthen local connections. It is clear that Greenway Golf is not just operating a golf facility, but actively investing in the social fabric of Alameda and the Bay Area.

I encourage the City to recognize and continue supporting Greenway Golf Inc and its efforts to make golf more inclusive and community-focused. Their work reflects the values of accessibility, engagement, and positive community development that benefit all residents. As someone from Alameda who used to tell other golfers not to come and play here in the past, I can thoroughly say that Greenway Golf has brought back the welcome feel to Corica Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacob Hord

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From: Therese Chan, Alameda Resident

Re: Alameda v. Greenway Golf

I have been a proud resident of Alameda since 1989. I always speak with pride to my friends on how well the city is run, even recently convinced a dear friend to move here last month. As I'm guiding her through all the wonderful aspects of life here in food, bike paths, diversity, civic pride, community programs, golf, parks, to name only a few, I am reminded again why I have lived so happily in Alameda for 37 years.

I was disheartened and surprised to learn recently about litigation initiated by the City of Alameda against Greenway Golf as the lessee of Corica Park.

For the last 4 years since retirement I have taken up golf and am at Corica on a weekly basis. This beautiful green space is far more than just a golf course with a restaurant.

Although I have no children or grandchildren, one of the aspects I appreciate most about Greenway is the support of youth and young adult programs. College golf teams practice at Corica and youth programs are offered for children from families of all ages and income levels, including unhoused.

I challenge any Council Member to volunteer for just one day at lunch for the youth camp and see first hand how our community is responding and how underserved youth are benefiting from programs developed and implemented by Greenway. Many local Alameda vendors and organizations support this program in donations of food for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Or, just come by at the aforementioned times to see families TOGETHER at the Mif Course. Mismanagement will not be an impression.

The Mif course on weekdays after 3:00 pm and on the weekends is full of children with their parents or Aunts like me enjoying the open space and the reasonable rate of “free for kids”.

Although I am not a parent, I have always voted YES and pay taxes on passed measures that support Alameda schools. I believe supporting youth leads to a stronger and safer community, and the steady and oftentimes exponential increase in Alameda’s real estate prices bears this out.

In the last few years I have seen a number of physical improvements such as signage, the living wall, eagle sculpture, addition of Top Tracer, the completion of the North Course, and landscaping of the practice fire house make Corica an even more inviting green space that more people are enjoying.

I have been paired a number of times with people who are en route to OAK and want to experience the famous golf course. In addition to the community, Greenway brings in people from outside the community who will spend time and money in Alameda.

In closing, as a single senior living in Alameda, Corica has provided many hours of memorable times with family and friends, and is a safe space for women and many others. My retirement would look completely different and not be as full if not for this amazing space, managed by Greenway Golf.

Respectfully,  
Terry Chan  
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Dear City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff,

My name is Mijini Kim, and I am writing to share my strong support for Greenway Golf and the community-focused leadership of Tamara Sabella at Corica Park.

As a parent, I have witnessed the "open space" mission of Greenway Golf in action.

Because of Tamara's dedication and Greenway's commitment to community initiatives, my daughter has not only grown as a competitive golfer but has also given back by volunteering at the course.

The work being done at Corica Park over the last five years has successfully built a "village" where young athletes from all backgrounds feel they belong.

**Tamara has worked so hard to make Corica Park a true community home, and our family is so grateful for everything she does. She is an amazing leader who works tirelessly for this community, and we feel lucky to have her in our corner.**

I urge the City Council to support the continued efforts of Greenway Golf and staff members like Tamara, who work tirelessly to ensure this space remains inclusive and beneficial for the next generation of Alamedans.

Sincerely,

Mijini Kim

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May 4, 2026

**Alameda City Council**

City of Alameda  
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Dear Members of the Alameda City Council,

I am writing to you as a physical education teacher and a dedicated member of the Alameda golf community. I have been a PE teacher at Amelia Earhart Elementary School for the past eight years, and I previously served as the golf coach at Alameda High School — four years coaching the boys' team and three years coaching the girls' team. I have also coached at Corica Park Golf Course for approximately five years, where I currently run a middle school golf league in both the fall and spring semesters and help lead Sunday junior golf clinics that take place twice a month throughout the year. I write with a deep appreciation for the positive impact that the management of Corica Park Golf Course has made on our community, and I hope to convey that perspective to you directly.

Throughout my time at Corica Park, I have been continually impressed by the golf course's genuine commitment to community outreach. The youth programs offered there are, in many cases, entirely free of charge to participating families. These no-cost programs are not a new initiative — they have been in place for many years and continue to serve children from underserved communities and low-income households. The management has consistently prioritized access over profit, ensuring that financial barriers never prevent a child from enjoying the outdoors, learning a new skill, and receiving meaningful mentorship.

Corica Park is also an enthusiastic and accommodating partner to high school golf programs throughout the Alameda area and beyond. The golf course takes a notably generous stance toward junior golfers who participate in Youth on Course, a program of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) that allows young people to play golf at a very affordable rate. By welcoming Youth on Course participants, Corica Park ensures that junior golfers have a quality venue to develop their skills regardless of their families' financial circumstances.

Beyond the golf programs themselves, Corica Park actively reaches out to schools throughout Alameda to provide field trips and outdoor outings for elementary and middle school students. These visits give young people a chance to experience life on a golf course — playing soccer golf, participating in putting games, and hitting range balls at

the driving range. For many of these children, it is their first exposure to golf and to the beauty of outdoor recreation. These experiences are invaluable in encouraging physical activity and getting kids away from screens and into the fresh air.

One of the most meaningful programs Corica Park hosts is its annual Veterans Day event, which pairs junior golfers with active or retired military service members for a round of golf. This program goes far beyond the sport itself — it builds connections between generations, fosters mutual respect, and gives young people the opportunity to learn from those who have served our country. The camaraderie and mentorship that emerge from these pairings leave lasting impressions on both the junior golfers and the veterans who participate.

In my professional experience as both a teacher and a coach, I have seen how rare it is for a facility to so consistently prioritize community, inclusion, and youth development the way Corica Park does. The management has worked hard to make the golf course a welcoming, positive, and joyful place for children, families, and the broader Alameda community. The programs, events, and outreach efforts they have developed over the years are a genuine asset to this city.

I respectfully ask that the City Council take into account the significant and ongoing contributions that Corica Park Golf Course makes to our community as you navigate the current legal matter. Whatever the specifics of that dispute may be, I hope that the record of service and dedication to Alameda's youth and families will be given the weight it deserves.

Thank you sincerely for your time and for your continued dedication to the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

**Nick Wolf**

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May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## City of Alameda Council Members and City Staff

We write to you as founders of ELEVATE Golf Academy and long-standing partners in youth development and community-based programming across the East Bay.

We are proud to support Greenway Golf and the leadership at Corica Park. For decades, Corica Park operated with limited community reach. Under Greenway's stewardship, it has become a more accessible, inclusive, and community-centered public asset serving youth, families, and diverse populations across Alameda and beyond.

From our direct experience, Greenway has demonstrated a strong commitment to community partnership. They support youth programming including middle school golf, PGA Junior League access with scholarships, and initiatives that introduce the game to students who would not otherwise have access.

They have also made intentional efforts to support women in golf, as well as adaptive athletes and veterans through programs such as PGA HOPE. These efforts reflect a broader and more inclusive vision for the game.

Greenway has embraced creative, accessible programming such as short course activation and alternative formats like footgolf, promoting physical activity, mental wellness, and community engagement.

Their impact extends beyond youth programming. Corica Park now serves as a practice facility for local high schools and collegiate programs, including Cal State East Bay and the University of San Francisco, reinforcing its role as a regional hub.

Notably, Greenway prioritized community engagement from the outset, including hiring leadership focused on outreach. In decades within the golf industry, this level of intentional integration is rare. At the same time, they have preserved the traditions of the facility, continuing to host long-standing events such as the Alameda Commuters Tournament. Balancing legacy with expanded access is not easy, yet they have done so effectively.

They have also delivered on revitalizing the property, creating multiple high-quality golf experiences. Achieving this level of development within a municipality is both complex and uncommon.

The future growth of the game is being driven by youth and women, particularly women of color. Greenway's approach aligns with this reality while expanding access and strengthening community value.

We respectfully encourage the City to recognize the positive impact Greenway Golf continues to have and to support efforts that expand access, inclusion, and community benefit at Corica Park.

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