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Date: June 20, 2023 at 11:29:08 AM PDT
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Marcella,

Thank you for all of your effort and support. I know my comments below are largely, if not wholly, redundant. However, I can't resist sharing them again as the process has been taxing to all. I have been fortunate to live in other beautiful cities like Rio de Janeiro, Santa Barbara, and Santa Monica. However, I was raised along Sunset Cliffs and now live in the home I was born and raised in. I am 65 and have played tennis since I was about 10 years old (learned from Ben Press...a SD Tennis icon), and played at Peninsula all along the way including when in high school at Point Loma High.

1. PTC members, community members, and fees from guests have funded and taken good care of the tennis courts for many years. PTC is in good standing,

well-used (especially during prime times), and has a great community of over 500 members. PTC is also free to Juniors and provides a low-cost place to play for resident guests and visitors to San Diego. It also provides courts for community groups to hold events (e.g. Wounded Warriors and others).

2. PTC has the support of Robb Field and the broader community. PTC is one of the most accessible and least expensive places to play and learn tennis in San Diego.

3. PTC is the "home" of the Point Loma High girls and boys tennis teams and they would be displaced if any of the existing courts are used for PB.

4. PTC hosts tournaments, clinics, lessons, and league play and provides overflow support to the many tournaments at Barnes. These activities would be displaced with the loss of any courts and the net result would negatively impact the club and the sport.

5. Barnes has, and is adding more, PB courts (19) and the greater San Diego area is also adding other PB facilities (e.g. The HUB and others). No new tennis facilities have been added (yet). Point Loma and Mission Bay residents also have other PB locations to play (Cabrillo, Ocean Beach Rec Center, Mission Bay Resort, and others). We/they may need more and Robb Field can also build more within the Robb Field and Parks and Rec process (no annexation!).

6. Parks and Rec can still double line public tennis courts where there are smaller groupings of two and four court facilities that do not host tournaments, leagues, clinics, or high school play.

7. Please allow PTC to move forward as a tennis only facility and let's all spend our time constructively to enhance all park facilities including the addition of PB courts at Robb as appropriate.

8. Less time spent on PTC will also allow everyone to spend more time on other park issues like homelessness, parking, rebuilding and enhancing existing facilities that deserve our time.

Thank you again for listening and for your ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance our parks. I look forward to working together to improve Robb Field and other park venues.

Ron Bell

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