

Pacific Beach Town Council

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To: Paul Robinson, Chairperson Mission Bay Park Committee

Cc: Mission Bay Park Committee Board Members

Re: Curfew for Mission Bay Youth Fields

Due to unsafe conditions, the Pacific Beach community is seeking a curfew of 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. for the Mission Bay Youth Fields, located at 2639 Grand Ave. This park is home to the Mission Bay Youth Baseball League, which provides participation for over 200 kids and young adults each year ranging in ages from 5 - 14 years old. Countless local families enjoy watching these baseball games.

The current situation is an unnecessary public safety and health risk for the children and families participating in the sports leagues. In recent years, league coordinators have seen an increase in criminal activity happening in and around the fields during the overnight hours. When the fields are prepared in the morning for tee ball at 8:00 a.m., they have been finding needles in the fields, dug-outs, and bleachers, as well as blood spatter stains in the bathrooms and score booths. Broken glass bottles are commonly found around the fields and common areas as well. Youth league coordinators and volunteers often encounter people sleeping in the bathrooms in the morning, and some will leave behind their bags and belongings with parents and coaches not knowing what items may be inside for the kids to find.

We hope that the Mission Bay Youth Fields can ultimately be added to San Diego Municipal Code Section 63.0120 Nighttime Curfew for Certain Public Parks. We believe a curfew here would be an added enforcement tool for our SDPD Northern Division officers in helping to keep the Youth Fields and surrounding facilities safer for all.

