

Support for Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

John Aguilar

Wed 1/5/2022 8:18 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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To: Kelly Orta and Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Reference: Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study

I am a homeowner and long time resident of Redondo Beach . Having six dedicated pickleball courts at Aviation Park would be wonderful as the wait times at other courts are extremely long.

Pickleball can be played by people of all ages. As a senior citizen Pickleball has helped me stay in shape physically and the social connections have enriched my life.

Pickleball is growing daily. Major tournaments are being shown on sports networks like ESPN, FOX Sports, and and CBS Sports. Let's get dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach and join the world in enjoying the fastest growing sport in the world.

With Appreciation,
John Aguilar
Redondo Beach Resident

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I am a long time resident and home owner in Redondo Beach. I am beyond excited at the possibility of Pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. 6 dedicated courts in Aviation Park would be utilized every single day! The courts will bring revenue to our city through tourists, league play and tournaments. 4 dedicated courts at Alta Vista will also be wonderful. Redondo Beach is the only city in the South Bay that doesn't offer it's residents Pickleball courts. The sport has exploded and is continuing to grow.

Pickleball is a unique sport. It combines athletics with a great social atmosphere. Redondo Beach is a blue zone city. A healthy lifestyle includes physical activity and social connections. Pickleball provides both of these things and more. All ages can play from young children to senior citizens. I know my entire family plays and we love the game.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to this becoming a reality.

Thank you,
Karen Aguilar
Redondo Beach Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Pickleball Feasability

John Bauer

Wed 1/5/2022 12:49 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Todd Loewenstein

SUSAN HIGGINS

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Hi Kelly,

I am a Redondo Beach resident and would like to voice my support for permanent pickleball courts in Redondo beach.

I now drive to Manhattan Beach at least 4 mornings per week to get my fun exercise with other players. Recently there are over 50 players waiting to play on the 3-7 available pickleball courts.

I know you are aware of the popularity and benefits of this fast growing sport. Please make every effort to establish some courts at Alta Vista until the city can plan and build permanent Pickleball courts.

Thank you so very much for your efforts and support.

John Bauer

SUPPORT FOR DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Dave Becker

Wed 1/5/2022 9:37 AM

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**TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services
Senior Management Analyst**

REFERENCE: Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study Report

To: Kelly Orta

As residents of Hermosa Beach, and avid pickleball players, we are totally in favor of adding pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. There are simply not enough local courts to accommodate the growing demand from the South Bay pickleball community. Hermosa Beach is down to 2 courts and has many restrictions; Manhattan Heights is always very crowded; and El Segundo has restrictions and is also very crowded. Redondo Beach has no dedicated courts, so it only makes sense that they have pickleball courts in their city, too, to keep up with the ever-increasing demand.

As you already know, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA. The benefits are vast, as the physical and mental well-being of those who play pickleball are vital to one's health. Pickleball brings family and friends of all ages together! And speaking from experience, often after playing pickleball, players get together for lunch or other social events at local establishments, and that would be beneficial to Redondo Beach. It is definitely time to bring dedicated pickleball courts to Redondo Beach.

Best regards,

Dave & Charlotte Becker

support for pickleball courts in Redondo Beach

Sheri B

Wed 1/5/2022 9:26 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I want to express my support for dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. Currently I play a couple of weeks in Torrance (Wilson Park, Sur la Brae) because there are no courts in Redondo. There are far more people than courts and there is always a wait as people of all ages are playing and the sport continues to grow. Pickleball is both good exercise and social, very important for someone like me who is retired and whose joints no longer handle tennis and other high impact sports.

I think that having pickleball courts is beneficial for many Redondo Beach residents such as myself. In addition there is the potential to raise money via tournaments, leagues, and/or city classes.

Again, I want to express my support for pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. It would be particularly nice to have 4 at Alta Vista Park, which is in walking distance.

Sheri Benator, Redondo Beach Resident

Pickleball courts in Redondo Beach

lynnbodner

Sun 1/9/2022 1:28 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I totally support a need for more pickleball courts in the South Bay Area.

Most of the drop in courts in other neighboring cities, are either not maintained or crowded with many of us senior citizens wanting to play!

Having just moved back to Redondo Beach, it has become an avenue for me to meet other players and participate in a social activity .Drop in play allows me to play with all different persons of different abilities and ages!

I'm hoping for your consideration in making this happen soon.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Lynn Bodner

Sent from my iPad

Support for Pickleball courts in Redondo Beach

Srinivasa Bodugu

Thu 1/6/2022 9:22 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Dear Kelly,

We have many people who play pickleball in Redondo Beach area and less courts to play in and around area.

Please help is to get more courts so that we play more than waiting at courts for our turn!!

Thanks for understanding and appreciate for your help!!

Thanks,

Srini.

(No subject)

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I'd love to see pickleball in Redondo beach

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Pickle Ball in Redondo Beach

Sandy Bray

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To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Thank you for all that you are doing with the parks and recreation to try and get us designated pickle ball courts. I have played in PV And in Torrance and the sport has just exploded in the past two years. SLB has designated courts on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays. There can be as many as 40 to 60 people waiting to play. There are four designated courts with four people playing on each court at a time. It usually moves pretty quickly but it would be great if there were more places to play.

There are courts in Manhattan Beach and in El Segundo. These places have also held tournaments. This would be a great opportunity for Redondo Beach to make money by holding tournaments and offering lessons. Walteria has turned people away from being able to teach them on Monday and Thursday mornings. This sport has no age limit and includes families from elderly people in their 60s and 70s to grandchildren and is a great source of camaraderie and building friendships. I look forward to hearing what Redondo Beach accomplishes.

Agin, thank you for attempting to bring Pickleball to Redondo.

Sandy Bray

PICKELBALL COURT

Kay Brown

Thu 1/6/2022 2:38 PM

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Redondo is the second largest city in the South Bay.

Surrounding cities all have dedicated PB courts

In response to growing need for courts, other cities have added

Courts some with dual usage.

I support permanent PB courts for Redondo Beach

I reside at Brookside Village in Redondo Beach

Thank you

Pickleball Courts Needed in Redondo Beach

Lynn Carroll-Carter

Wed 1/5/2022 12:28 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Happy New Year Kelly:

I am now a resident of Redondo Beach (previously lived in Hermosa Beach) and have been playing Pickleball for 5-6 years. I started on the courts in Hermosa Beach where Lisa Meenan and myself had many meetings with you, over the years. Thank you for your support of our beloved sport, the fastest growing sport in America!

We all know that courts are needed in Redondo Beach and we all know of the challenges to make this happen. It is wonderful to have your knowledge to help this process along.

Alta Vista is a PERFECT spot for courts. It is already a recreation center in South Redondo, which is wonderful for players that live in R.B. and/or further south. Then, Aviation Park, also already being a recreation center, would be the second most feasible spot, and more accessible for players living in North Redondo areas. Of course, we know there will be resistance to the tennis players relinquishing a court at Alta Vista, but this is to be expected. (News Flash: Due to the shortage of courts in the South Bay, I recently joined a Racquet and Tennis Club so I could play without waiting for 45 minutes for a court! The tennis players there were quite unhappy about relinquishing a court, or two. But, fast forward to today-approx. 50% of our Pickleball players are previous tennis players! We have more tennis players joining our Pickleball group every day, AND THEY LOVE IT!!!!).

Pickleball has become a sport for ALL ages, not just retirees. It is imperative that the city supply courts for players so they are not trying to play on basketball courts and other less safe surfaces. The sport allows people to meet new friends, get great exercise, and can be played by all levels. Beginner players are always welcome and helped by the players that have come before them-this is part of the game.

Again, thank you for your help and we hope to see courts appear soon in 2022 in Redondo Beach!

Lynn Carroll-Carter

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Teri Carter

Sun 1/9/2022 2:36 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Shannon Carter

Susan Higgins

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TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

RE: Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study

This is Teri and Shannon "Gunner" Carter. We are long-term Redondo Beach residents and homeowners close to 40 years. After reviewing the Feasibility Study Report and the Community Services Director's Administrative Report, we were delighted that the City of Redondo Beach is seriously considering establishing dedicated pickleball courts.

Our involvement with the sport of pickleball is extensive. We are both USAP Certified Referees and Trainers, certified pickleball Instructors, tournament directors, and advanced competitive pickleball players. We have been involved with running USAP sanctioned tournaments in Seal Beach, Newport Beach, Carlsbad, Fountain Valley, Encinitas, Indian Wells, and Honolulu, HI.

Our greatest pride is our most recent event in November 2021, where we helped organize and run Manhattan Beach's first pickleball tournament with almost 200 players. We also helped the tournament director for El Segundo's December Jinglefest with similar participation.

Both tournaments utilized the respective city's existing dedicated pickleball courts, adjacent tennis and basketball courts where temporary pickleball courts were created using tape and portable nets. These events were enjoyed by both players and spectators, many of whom may have never played in or attended a tournament.

Pickleball is a multi-generational sport to be enjoyed by youths to super seniors. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

The establishment of pickleball courts here in Redondo Beach will enhance our community health and wellness lifestyle for families and friends, couples and singles, new and experienced players of all

ages. Multi-court facilities will provide opportunities for recreational drop-in play, organized play, instruction, clinics, leagues, and tournaments.

Redondo Beach is approximately six square miles and the reality is it can take 15-30 minutes to drive from one end to the other. We strongly support the city approving the conversion of a tennis court into four dedicated pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park in South Redondo and the new construction of six dedicated pickleball courts with appropriate lighting, fencing, and seating at Aviation Park in North Redondo.

Two separate locations will spread the pickleball love to our Redondo Beach residents and surrounding communities, as well as create a consistent revenue stream for our Parks and Recreation Department from various pickleball activities. Alta Vista's adjacent tennis courts could support future tournaments and Aviation Park could join with Manhattan Heights Park to create bi-city pickleball events.

We thank the city for conducting the Feasibility Study and request that the establishment of dedicated pickleball courts in South Redondo at Alta Vista and North Redondo at Aviation Park be approved.

Sincerely,

Teri Carter
USAP Certified Referee and Registered Trainer
USAP Certified Referee Coordinator, West Region
USAP Referee Coordinator
USAP National Championships, 2021 Co-Tournament Director
PPR Certified Pickleball Pro Instructor

Shannon Carter
USAP Certified Referee and Registered Trainer
USAP Referee Coordinator
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Dear Mayor Brand, Christian Horvath, City Council, Mike Witzansky, Ted Semaan, Cameron Harding, and Recreations & Parks Commission,

Thank you all for your care and work for the City of Redondo Beach.

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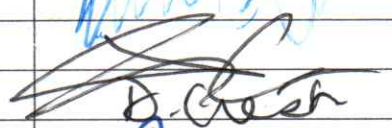
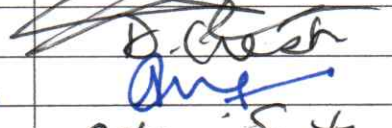
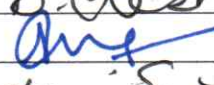
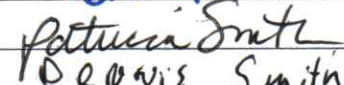
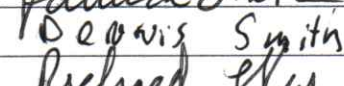
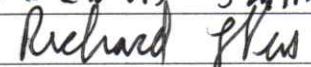
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Please keep Franklin Park as is as a mixed-use park. All the different activities of the park are great as is.

Sincerely,

Name	Signature	Date
Russell Graham		1/8/22
Vanessa Cresta		1/8/22
Domenica Cresta		1/8/22
Shobhit Chandra		1/8/22
Patricia Smith		1/8/22
Dennis Smith		1/8/22
Richard Weiss		1/8/22

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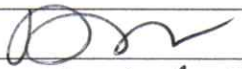




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Khalil Sheikh	K. Sheikh	1-8-22
BESS Ton		1/8/22
Jason Chin		1/8/22
Neal Okumura		1/8/22
Rebecca Gaab	Rebecca Gaab	01/08/22
Andrew Wiese		1/8/22

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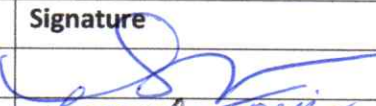

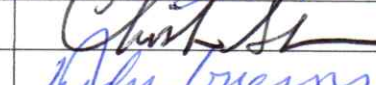
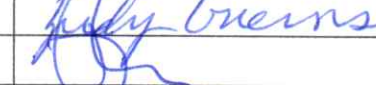
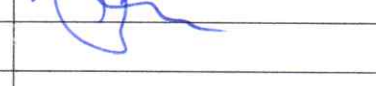
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Laurer Felix		1/8/22
CHRISTIAN TOONE		1/8/22
JUDY GUERNSEY		1/8/22
Dylan Duban		1/8/22

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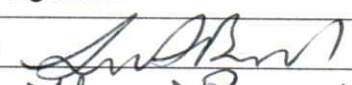
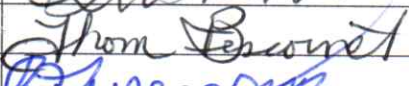
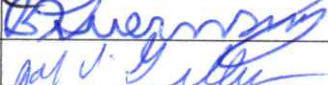
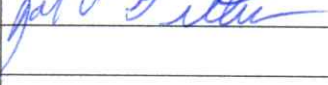
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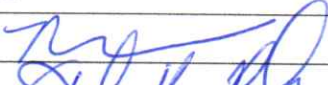
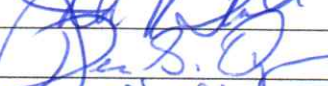

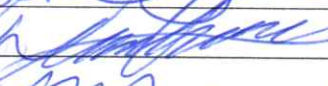






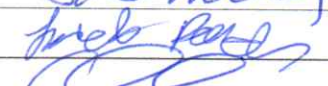
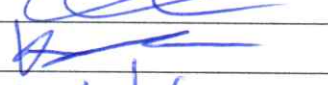

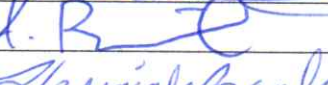
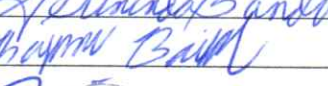
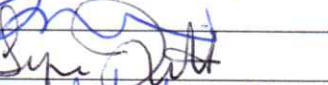

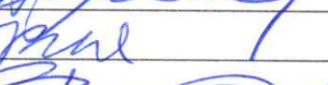
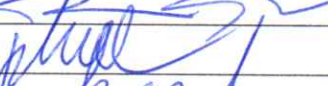




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Thom Biscornet		01/08/2022
Bill Greensey		01/8/22
JOHN GILLIAM		01/8/22

Name	Signature	Date
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John Tholen		1-8-2022
JENNIS DUC		1-8-2022
Jiali		1-8-2022
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David Ramirez		1-8-22
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4. No shrubs.

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Sincerely,

Name	Signature	Address	Date
Valette mendozn	Valette Mendozn		1/8/22
Tatiana Valle	Tatiana Valle		1/8/22
Robin Jh	Robin Jh		1/8/22
Richard Blight	Richard Blight		1/8/22
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Myhanh	Myhanh Chuh	2700 Ralston Avenue	1/8/21
Natalie Gonzalez	Natalie Gonzalez		1/8/22
Warren	WARREN CHUH		1/8/22



CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CALIFORNIA

415 DIAMOND STREET
P.O. BOX 270
REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277-0270

August 10, 1989

RE: Master Plan Franklin School Park

Dear Resident,

This letter is to inform you that the master plan for the Franklin School Park will be presented to the Mayor and City Council at their August 15th City Council meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers located at Redondo Beach City Hall, 415 Diamond Street. Council meetings are also televised live on Channel 3 if you take cable television.

The design is a result of the June 17th community meeting held at the Franklin School cafeteria and the July 26th Parks & Recreation meeting to review the preliminary work of the landscape architect. The result and master plan is shown on the reverse side of this letter.

As a result of the July 26th meeting the following changes were made to the preliminary plan:

- 1) Deleted all picnic tables.
- 2) Added walkway benches.
- 3) Reoriented basketball hoops to a north-south direction.
- 4) Add a small convenience restroom.
- 5) The play apparatus will be designed for 5 to 11 year olds.

You are welcome to attend the City Council meeting and make any comments that you like. If the Mayor and City Council approve the master plan for the park, the landscape architect will immediately begin work on the plans and specifications. Those should be done in January. Allowing sufficient time for the bidding and contract awarding process, work should begin on the Franklin School Park in April, 1990. Completion should take approximately five months. If there are any questions regarding this matter please contact myself at 318-0661. I hope this park plan and construction schedule meets with you satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Ken A. Montgomery
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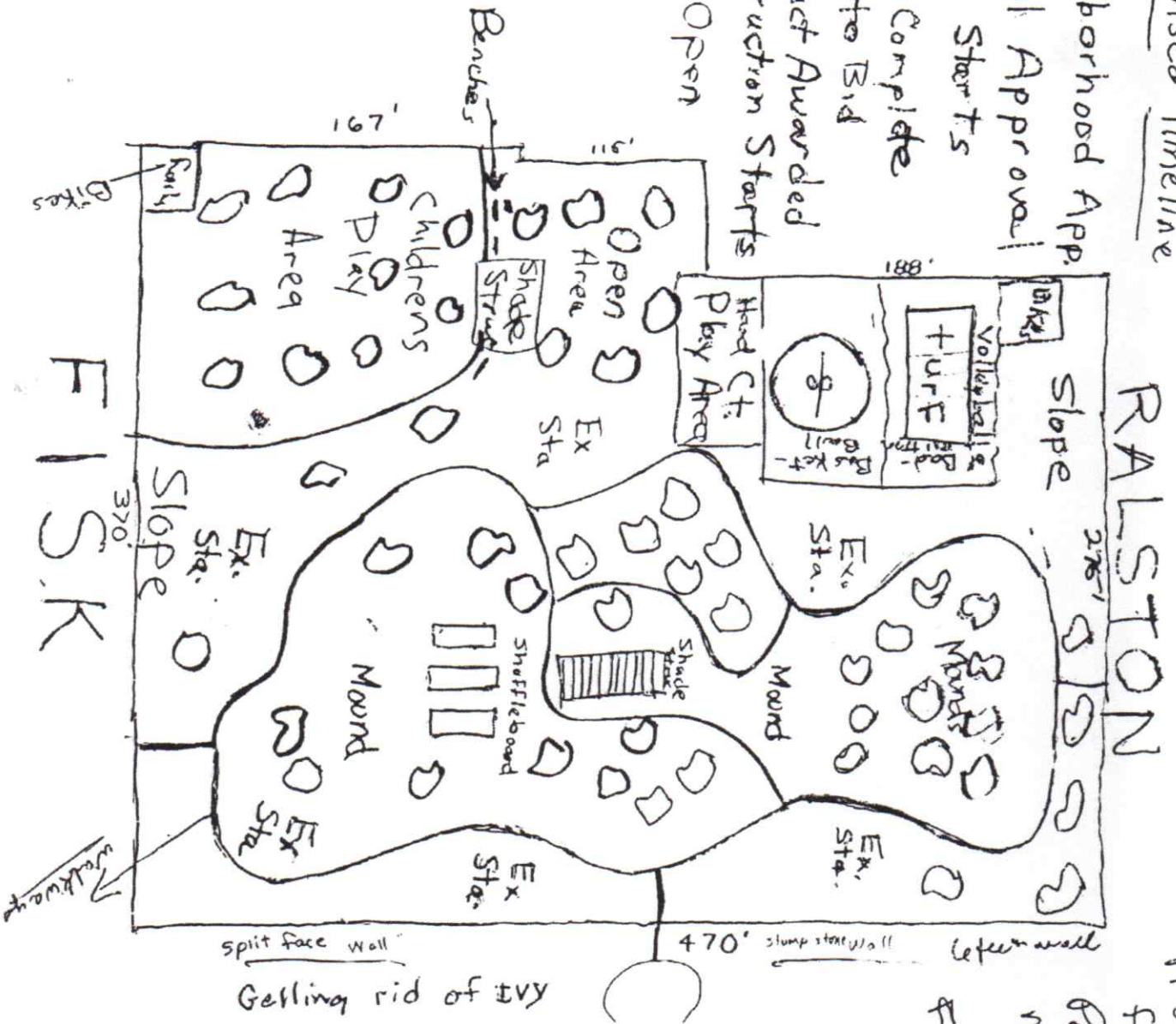
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Possible Revised Timeline

Aug. = Neighborhood App.
 Sept. = Council Approval
 Oct. = Design Starts
 Jan. = Design Complete
 (1990) Out to Bid
 Mar. = Contract Awarded
 April = Construction Starts
 Aug. = Park Open
 (1990)

Franklin Park



Proposals were from community

People at meeting on 6-12-89 at Franklin Cafe.

No "organized Play" areas

No ballfield - type lights

No shrubs

(trees & flowers)

To prevent undesirable activities)

(also to make it easy for neighbors to monitor park)

Getting rid of ivy

11-22-2021 FEASIBILITY STUDY-DRAFT

CITY RB



PICKLEBALL OVERLAY AND EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES

Franklin Park

SCALE: 1"=80'-0"



Pickleball Feasibility Study
City of Redondo Beach, CA



EXISTING BASKETBALL HALF COURTS WITH TEMPORARY STRIPING USED FOR PICKLEBALL



EXISTING PICKLEBALL COURT-OVERSIZED, COURT STRIPING: 30'X60', CONCRETE PAD: 38' X 70'



FLAT TURF AREA CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO FOUR PICKLEBALL COURTS

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLY COSTS:

Re-Stripe Existing Basketball Courts: clean existing surfacing, repair damaged concrete cracks, maintain or refresh basketball court striping and add pickleball striping in contrasting color. *\$3,000 pickleball striping only, plus site work

New Stand-Alone Pickleball Court (per court): concrete pad, court striping, noise abatement fencing, 2 poles, 1 net, 2 benches, lighting, remove 2 trees, remove turf grass, grading to level area: *\$3,300/court plus site work, optional sports court surfacing: \$5,000/court, 18' high sports lights: up to \$40,000/court plus \$10,000 for electrical improvements

*All estimated costs are for basic amenities only. A survey would need to be conducted, along with a conceptual design to determine more accurate costs due to the extent of: grading, retaining curbs or low walls, tree removal, noise abatement structure, accessible path and other items that may need to be addressed on a site specific basis.

FRANKLIN PARK ANALYSIS:

- 2 qty. existing basketball half-courts on 58' x 110' concrete pad in north / south orientation can be overlayed to accommodate a multi-court with 2 basketball half courts and 2 pickleball courts
- Both half-courts are currently being used for two pickleball courts with temporary taped striping
- 1 qty. oversized unlit pickleball court
- No existing fencing or sports court lighting
- Parallel street parking along Fisk Lane and Ralston Lane
- Lit paths lead to all park amenities except existing pickleball court
- Basketball/Pickleball courts located in neighborhood park. Basketball courts are approximately 156' from residences across Ralston Lane. Pickleball court is about 225' from houses across Fisk Lane and 285' from houses on Alford Lane.
- Park Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SITE CONSTRAINTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Park is within residential neighborhood, so noise and sports court lighting could be considered an issue if people are playing at night. Sports lighting scheduled to shut off at a particular time may mitigate this.
- Existing basketball court concrete has cracks that will need to be filled and grass removed from the cracks.
- Existing pickleball court does not have an accessible path to it
- Short concrete pad to existing basketball court may not be considered accessible

Landscape Architect



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Pickleball Courts for Redondo

Christine Claridge

Wed 1/5/2022 8:32 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Dear Kelly,

I definitely support pickleball courts for Redondo. I also support having pickleball courts in both South and North Redondo. Ideally, Dominguez Park would have been perfect since it's in the center of Redondo but as mentioned, the ground is not suitable.

I'm 64 years old and I took up pickleball in 2019. I love the sport for exercise and socializing. Currently, I play in Torrance and Seal Beach. I heard Hermosa was residents only and Manhattan Beach wasn't as welcoming (heard it's changed for the better now). I'd really love to play in my hometown instead of traveling. When the Veteran's Park senior center was open (I participated in senior yoga and Tai chi), I would ask a staff member to bring up in his meetings getting pickleball courts in Redondo. We are the only city in the beach area with no pickleball courts.

Love Redondo and would like to play pickleball here. I have been a resident since 1987 and a homeowner since 1991.

Sincerely,
Christine Claridge

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Pickleball in Redondo Beach

sally Davis

Thu 1/6/2022 6:22 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi Kelly,

I am writing in support of Pickleball in Redondo Beach.

As a resident of Redondo Beach, I play beach tennis in Hermosa Beach so your name is very familiar to me.

We would love to have pickleball courts available to us as well since the sport is growing as well.

Please put a YAY vote in for me.

Thank you
Sally Davis

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Wed 1/5/2022 10:22 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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REFERENCE: Pickleball Courts Feasability Study Report

I am 100% in support for the two locations of pickleball courts in Redondo beach. I struggle to find courts all over the place and want to give more people access to this sport so I can play more often and enjoy the great outdoor space that the cities offer, for this NEW GROWING sport.

David M Deane

Redondo Pickleball Courts

Amy

Thu 1/6/2022 6:49 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi Kelly,

I am writing you to give you my support for the much-needed pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. It is because of Pickleball that I have made so many friends in Redondo Beach and have come to love your community. I have a home in Phoenix and one in Redondo Beach so naturally I travel back and forth. Pickleball is one of the few sports that allows a single participant to come to the courts, join in on a great physical activity and at the same time make friends and learn more about the community you may be new to. The Southbay, definitely needs more courts and having a north and south location in Redondo Beach would be ideal. The more courts the better because they will definitely be used. I so appreciate the great effort the city has put into finding the best locations, which will be a win-win for the players, homeowners, and community in general. Pickleball is a unique sport for all ages, genders and skill levels and because of this it brings a community together in so many positive ways.

Please don't delay, building these Pickleball courts will be nothing but a positive move for the city of Redondo Beach.

Thank you for your time,

Dr. Amy

Re: SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Susan Economy

Wed 1/5/2022 1:21 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I actually live at the border of SW Torrance and South Redondo off of Henrietta behind West High School.

On Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 03:07:30 PM CST, Susan Economy <econosusie@yahoo.com> wrote:

I am a resident of Torrance, CA and I want to express my support of pickleball courts in Redondo Beach.

Thanks,
Sue Economy

Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study

George Fogelson

Tue 1/4/2022 8:52 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Sue Fogelson

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TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

REFERENCE: Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study Report

This is in support of pickleball courts being installed at Alta Vista Park. I live nearby and the tennis courts are rarely full. I do not believe this would impact the current tennis players and pickle ball is in demand.

George Fogelson

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Sue Fogelson

Wed 1/5/2022 7:29 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I live in Redondo Beach 1 block from Alta Vista Park tennis courts and know that during large parts of the day and some evenings there are empty courts. As a previous tennis player and aging Baby Boomer, my body can no longer handle the rigors of tennis so I have switched to Pickle Ball. I have to wait a very long time to get a turn to play during open pickle ball hours in Torrance and Manhattan Beach Courts. There are simply not enough courts in the South Bay for Pickleball, especially now that the Baby Boomers are aging, are retired and the sport has gained popularity. Many young people are playing also. Just as there is open tennis (like a round robin) every day of the week at Alta Vista, it is only fair to also have open pickleball. A fee can be charged and the hours can be limited to times when the tennis courts are slow and to protect the neighbors from the ping ping sound. In addition courts are needed at the north end of town as the courts in Manhattan Beach are very impacted, with long waiting times.

I support Pickleball courts in Aviation Park and Alta Vista.

Sincerely,

Susan Fogelson

Pickleball courts

Angela Fontana

Thu 1/6/2022 10:37 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Please consider adding 4 pickleball courts to the Alta vista courts. I have been a resident of Redondo Beach for 25 years and in the last 2 years have enjoyed playing the sport of pickleball. I live on Avenue A so this would be super convenient for me and would bring the community together even more for some great pickleball playing. Thank you.

Angela Fontana 

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Penny Ford

Wed 1/5/2022 9:52 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

REFERENCE: Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study Report

We desperately need pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. I am a retired senior and pickleball is a great activity for me. I have made many friends and gotten much more active since beginning to play pickleball. Unfortunately, that means I have to drive to other cities in the South Bay to play, since there are no facilities in my own city.

Playing at Walteria Park in Torrance was a great place to get started, but the wait time is long and there are often 50 plus people trying to play on 4-6 courts! I've played at Wilson Park as well, but that is even further to drive. Open play in El Segundo and Manhattan are fine, but I'd like something closer to home.

I understand Alta Vista and Aviation parks are under consideration. The revenue the city could make from having a reservation system and maybe even Rec and Parks classes would be considerable if you have a set of dedicated pickleball courts.

Please support Pickleball in Redondo Beach.

Penny Ford

Redondo Beach Resident

Regarding Pickleball courts in Redondo Beach

Greg francis

Sun 1/9/2022 5:37 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

REFERENCE: Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study Report

Hi! Greg Francis here... Redondo Beach resident going on 12 years. Spent my life playing basketball but when my knees gave out, a friend of mine from the midwest mentioned pickleball to me. Sounded like a silly sport - but when he forced me to try it, I was hooked.

I found the group that played pickleball in Manhattan Beach - and started playing 3-6 times a week there. I couldn't get enough of the sport - and more importantly - the people I met there who have become like family to me.

I was part of the group that worked very hard with Hermosa Beach City council to get courts set up there - and played there almost every day.

I never understood why MB, HB and Torrance all had dedicated pickleball courts, but Redondo did not. I was always thankful for a place to play - but sad that as a Redondo resident, we never had a place of our own.

During the pandemic, everything was closed and I started a group that played at Perry Park. It was a small group of 5-6 people and we chalked lines on the basketball court and brought our own nets and we played there every single day for a year. It was the only thing that kept me sane during COVID. I was surprised by how many people would recognize me around town (my hair was pretty long during this) and would ask me if I was part of that group at Perry Park and what was that sport and how happy they were to see a group of "older" people out playing sports every day.

Because we have no place of our own, my truck has become a mobile pickleball vehicle. I have about 20 dog fences and 3 nets I carry and set up everyday to keep our balls from getting in everyone's way - and it's a lot of work! Man it would be great to have some dedicated courts so my wife can have some room in the truck for groceries instead of pickleball stuff...

This is the great thing about pickleball. As you get older - you can play. Guys and girls can play on the same court. All ages can play together - because its equal parts physical and mental. And it's just so much fun and easy to pick up... but difficult to master. It's also the most social sport I've ever played. My pickleball family is really the people I'm closest with here in the south bay - outside of my wife and kids.

With HB limiting play right now - I could not have been happier to hear that we might be getting courts in RB. When the assessment team came by Perry Park, we talked with them about what we hoped would happen - and it seems they came to the same conclusion we were pushing for:

We would love to have the 6 dedicated courts at Aviation Park. This would be a huge destination spot that would bring in players from all over the south bay. This sport is growing by leaps and bounds and we are always running out

of places to play. Having 4 courts at Alta Vista is a great immediate solution - but getting the courts at Aviation we really hope will be the goal.

I love Redondo and the people here. I love our way of life - and that where we live allows us to go outside and exercise and have fun almost everyday of the year. Pickleball is only going to get bigger and attract more people and it's about time our city caught up with this.

I am super excited to see the city of Redondo throw their hat in the pickleball ring. I wanna see us be leaders here in the South Bay...and putting in these courts are gonna be great for the residents - but it's gonna bring in a lot of people from other cities too - people that will buy gas at our stations, eat at our restaurants, and shop at our stores. This will be good for our city.

Can't wait to get out and hit the ball on a court in our town. Thanks so much for considering this and we are really excited about seeing this come to pass.

Greg Francis
Redondo Beach Resident

Fwd: Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Tami Fukuda

Sun 1/9/2022 8:07 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Susan Higgins ·

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tami Fukuda <vbinrb@gmail.com>
Date: January 9, 2022 at 18:50:36 PST
To: Kelly Orta <korta@hermosabch.org>
Cc: Susan Higgins <shiggins31@icloud.com>
Subject: Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Hello Kelly,

My name is Tami Fukuda and I have lived in Redondo Beach for over 20 years.
I am in support of building permanent pickleball courts in our city. We have an exploding group of pickleball players all around the country, and the Southbay is no exception.
Please consider this, as most of our neighboring cities have courts, and it would behoove Redondo to build their own as well.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tami Fukuda
Redondo Beach resident

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Support for Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Beth Fusco

Wed 1/5/2022 12:16 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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To: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

RE: Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study Report

I am a homeowner and resident of Redondo Beach and I am writing to express my support for dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach, preferably 4 pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park and 6 pickleball courts at Aviation Park. My husband and I have recently become avid pickleball players without having any racket sport in our backgrounds and could not imagine our life without it, as it has completely changed our lives both physically and socially! We are relatively new to the south bay and this sport has opened our world to the most wonderful group of people and sport. Pickleball brings together people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities. Unfortunately, we find ourselves having to travel outside our city of Redondo to play and build community.

It is no secret that pickleball is the fastest growing sport -- from teens to seniors -- and the need for courts desperately needed. Adding dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo will be an investment worth its value for years to come.

Thank you in advance for making pickleball a part of Redondo Beach!

Sincerely,

Beth Fusco - Redondo Beach homeowner and resident

Dean Fusco - Redondo Beach homeowner and resident

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Dean Fusco

Fri 1/7/2022 5:16 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I am writing to express support for PickleBall courts in Redondo Beach for two specific reasons (i) personal interest and (ii) community stature.

(i) On the personal side, I put away my golf clubs in May '21 as I was frustrated with tee times and switched to pickleball. I will spare the details with how hooked I am, but will stress the social aspect is surprisingly strong and quite a "community". I have met several friends DESPITE having to travel to Wilson Park (that is quite a nice facility and environment. The downside is wait time and 20 travel time that I deal with. Having courts in Redondo would be fantastic and expand the pickleball community in Redondo.

(ii) The pickleball community is quite social (not drinking social) but kind, open, giving, and respectful. I noticed this when I travel for business and play across the country. Pickleball is an upward trend and would offer more another outdoor activity for the community. Expanding access would be yet another reason to make Redondo a more attractive place to live (tax revenue, best place to live in southbay, etc). The pickleball community does not attract riff raff...

If anyone says the noise of a pickleball would be problematic probably complain about cars in the parking lot and should not live near a park.

Lastly, I have lived in many cities across the US and moved to RB 4 years ago with my family. My property taxes are \$30K a year and always aware of new initiatives at RB. This is a no brainer.

Best,
Dean Fusco

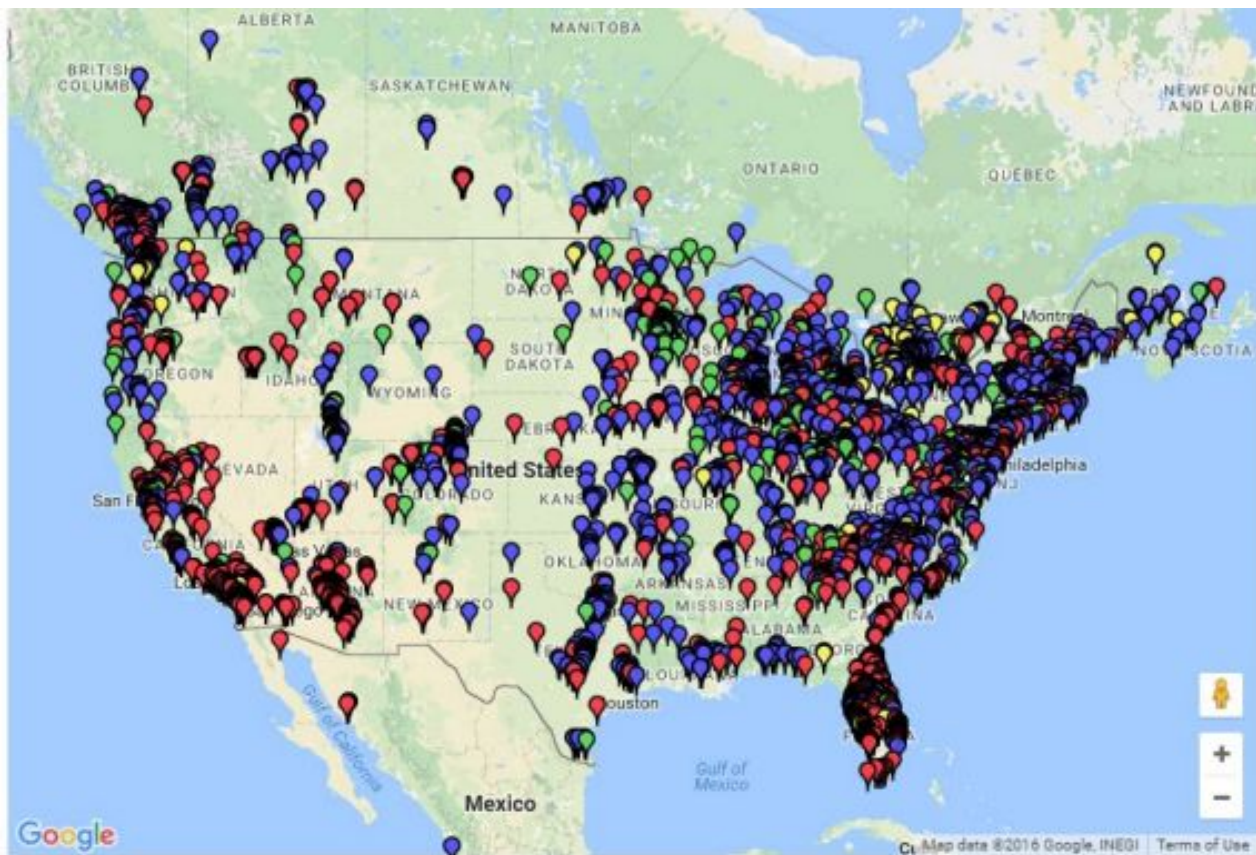
REDONDO BEACH PICKLEBALL

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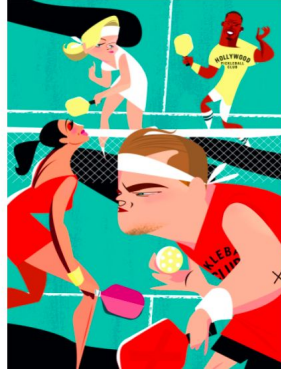


FROM THE MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 2021 ISSUE

How Pickleball Won Over Everyone From Leonardo DiCaprio to Your Grandparents

The addictive tennis-Ping-Pong hybrid might be the last thing red and blue Americans can agree on. "I literally want every person in the world to play this game," says one convert.

BY CRAIG COYNE
OCTOBER 31, 2021



The Today Show

<https://www.today.com/video/today-anchors-t-ry-pickleball-17>

 ON THE SHOW COVID-19 & KIDS SHOPPING HEALTH PARENTS FOOD TRENDING



The Kelly and Ryan Show!

<https://youtu.be/IS6PZXLuBGw>



#pickleball #LWKR #KellyandRyan



"Pickleball is growing at an almost unprecedented rate in the history of American sports"

Boston Globe 9/24/21

"If you are not currently a pickleball fanatic, you probably know someone who is, because it is growing at a rate that is almost unprecedented in the history of American sports, and it's not just for retirees anymore."

Boston Globe 9/24/21

"Schools across the nation are adding pickleball to their phys-ed curriculums. The stage is set for a vibrant youth movement in years to come."

Vanity Fair 11/21

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13 YR OLD SON and FATHER



PARA-PICKLEBALL



60+ and 16 YR OLD



16 YR OLD SON and MOTHER



WIFE and HUSBAND

Pickle ball

Joanne Galin

Sun 1/9/2022 8:34 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello Kelly,

I'd like to offer my wishes for Pickleball in redondo beach.

Pickleball is a great activity for all ages. There are not enough courts in the surrounding cities. Not only is it a great way to exercise, it's social too.

I would like to advocate for Pickleball courts in both S & N Redondo.

Thank you,
Joanne Galin
Redondo Beach

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Pickleball Feasibility Study - Franklin Park

Fernando Garcia

Mon 1/10/2022 10:40 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello Mrs. Orta, I hope this email finds you all well. I'm aware there is a proposal to support pickleball courts at several sites in Redondo Beach. I wanted to share observations from the perspective of a family that lives across the street from Franklin Park (2710 Fisk).

In short: I urge the city to consider solutions that allow flexibility so people who don't play pickleball can still make use of our park spaces.

Currently, at Franklin, there are several temporary striping set-ups on the basketball courts and the concrete pad, allowing people to bring their own pickleball net and play. This allows pickleball players to enjoy their sport, but also allows flexibility for other park visitors who play basketball on the basketball courts, or use the concrete pad for a variety of activities, including soccer, tennis, ride bicycles/scooters or play with RC cars. This arrangement works well and allows flexibility for many people with different needs to use the space for a variety of activities.

One of the options in the current proposal for Franklin is to build 4 permanent pickleball courts where the concrete pad currently sits, along with lighting; this option also consumes a fair amount of green space to its south.

I urge you to disregard this option. Devoting the area to only pickleball players would disallow anyone else from making use of this space. The concrete pad may appear unused and may be in a poor state of repair but it, and the space around it, are used quite often for a variety of purposes.

Building 4 pickleball courts here would also introduce parking problems, as Franklin does not have a dedicated parking lot and existing pickleball players already consume most of the street parking along Fisk. Once the Friendship Foundation is up and running, Fisk and our surrounding streets will already suffer from increased congestion and parking pressure; adding 4 permanent pickleball courts would make this decidedly worse.

Additionally, the amount of noise from 4 ongoing games would be disruptive, especially if lighting is added, allowing players to play at night. A lot of us work at home due to the pandemic, and may even continue working from home once the pandemic is over; the noise level at the park will be unacceptable.

There is already striping on the basketball courts and the concrete pad, and it seems to serve pickleball players just fine, as well as letting kids use these spaces when they're free. Please keep things as they are.

Thank you,

--Fernando Garcia

Dedicated Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Lisa Grant ·

Sun 1/9/2022 10:18 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Dear Kelly,

I am hoping that the we will be able to have permanent Pickleball Courts at Alta Vista Park and Aviation Park. This is a wonderful sport and every week I see Facebook posts from people requesting information about lessons for beginners. If we had more courts available, we could offer more courts for the different levels of play, which would help with some frustration on the courts. Thank you for your time & support.

Lisa Grant
Redondo Beach, Ca

Sent from my iPad

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Theresa Hardesty

Wed 1/5/2022 2:17 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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**To: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services
Senior Management Analyst**

REFERENCE: Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study Report

I am in support of the Pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. This is the fastest growing sport. What is so great about it is that it is for all ages and even seniors. Moving our bodies in recreation activities keeps us young and in better shape as we grow old. I played with an 84 year old woman the other day. She had 2 knee replacements and some shoulder surgery. She missed a ball and said oh I can't get that one, but boy she could play a good game. I said I sure hope that I am moving on the court at 84! The game is a great fun way to get exercise and be social. I LOVE LOVE the game at 59 I am feeling pretty darn good playing competitive ball. It is Super fun and if YOU haven't tried it you should. It's a game EVERYONE can play athletically or not. It is easy to learn at different levels. No one is excluded in this game! Revenue can be made by hosting tournaments, leagues, and classes.

Please consider putting 6 dedicated pickleball courts at Aviation and 4 at Alta Vista. As Redondo does not have any courts as of now and it sure would be nice to play in our city we live in.

Thank you for your time and appreciate you looking into this.

Sincerely,

Theresa Hardesty
Redondo Beach Resident for 59 years

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

SUSAN HIGGINS

Fri 1/7/2022 11:00 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi Kelly,

Please use this email. I made a correction to a typo in the 7th paragraph.

Thank you,

Susan Higgins

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From: SUSAN HIGGINS

Subject: SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Date: January 7, 2022 at 10:41:20 AM PST

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

REFERENCE: Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study Report

My name is Susan Higgins and I am a Redondo Beach resident and home owner of 31 years. I was introduced to the sport of pickleball about 7 years ago and quickly became hooked. It's a fun, social, easy to learn (but hard to master), active sport that all ages can play and it is great exercise.

The explosion in popularity of pickleball in the last couple of years has highlighted the shortage of pickleball courts in the Beach Cities, particularly in Redondo Beach which currently has no pickleball courts.

In early July 2020, a subgroup of Redondo Beach resident pickleball players submitted a "position paper" email to the City of Redondo Beach (Mayor, 5 Councilmembers and Community Services Director) requesting the City to support establishing at least 6 dedicated pickleball courts and to move out on the pickleball courts location(s) Feasibility Study. We had recommended the Study include Aviation Park and Dominguez Park and look at Alta Vista Park at least for striping a tennis court for 4 pickleball courts in the near term.

I was pleased to see that the architects completed this pickleball courts locations Feasibility Study. From reading their report and the Community Services Director's Administrative Report, the two highest potential locations for dedicated pickleball courts are Aviation Park (6 courts) in North Redondo and Alta Vista Park (4 courts by conversion of one tennis court) in South Redondo. After reviewing the engineering assessment of Dominguez Park, it's understandable that this is not a suitable location for pickleball courts.

Regarding Alta Vista Park, I recognize that the architects included constructing a 5th standalone pickleball court on the grass area adjacent to tennis court no. 1 but I do not believe that is a worthwhile effort because the money needed for this 5th court would be better spent on the tennis court conversion which would require not

only the work stipulated in the architects' report but also adding additional fencing to close the wide gap between the two tennis courts and the addition of acoustiblok/acoustifence lining (noise reducing fences) all around this converted tennis court for noise mitigation purposes. It's fortunate that all 8 of these tennis courts at Alta Vista Park have separate entry/exit gates which facilitates adding the additional fencing to enclose the 4 pickleball courts. The tennis players currently have 8 courts at Alta Vista Park and 2 courts at Anderson Park. Reducing their number of courts by 1 should not be an issue and it would give the resident, tax paying pickleball players courts to play on.

I understand (with City Council's approval) that establishing 4 dedicated pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park in South Redondo could be accomplished in the near term and support this location. But 4 pickleball courts will not come close to providing the resident players with an adequate number of courts.

I am requesting that the City also approve proceeding with the construction of 6 dedicated pickleball courts at Aviation Park in North Redondo. This is an "ideal location", would not displace any other sport, sits far away from residential homes and the land area is large enough to accommodate 6 courts with lighting, fencing, and seating. It is clearly recognized that this is new construction and would require time and money but I believe the pickleball players (myself included) would be supportive of this project given the end result of 6 new dedicated courts. And, with the City's approval of 4 dedicated courts at Alta Vista Park in the near term, there would at least be some pickleball courts available to the resident players of Redondo Beach.

It would have been fortunate if a central location in the City had been identified for at least 6 dedicated pickleball courts such as Dominguez Park. But given the landfill and power lines, the very high cost and certainly very high maintenance costs, this central location should no longer be considered.

Without a central location, it is highly desirable that dedicated pickleball courts be established/constructed at both South Redondo and North Redondo to better serve all City players. This is similar to what the City has already approved relative to construction of a skate park at the Pier in South Redondo and a skate park at Perry Park in North Redondo. Also, tennis players have courts at Alta Vista Park in South Redondo and courts at Anderson Park in North Redondo.

I thank and appreciate the City moving out on the Feasibility Study and focusing effort on establishing dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. Hoping for a very positive outcome and looking forward to being able to play my sport in my city of residence!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Higgins
Redondo Beach Resident

Permanent Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Kelvin Hodrick

Wed 1/5/2022 7:44 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi Kelly,

I'm writing this brief letter to give my support for permanent pickleball courts in Redondo Beach (preferably 4 pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park and 6 pickleball courts at Aviation Park). Pickleball is a great sport that's for all age groups, genders and easy to learn. Everyone who plays has a great time and it builds camaraderie in the community.

Thank you,
Kelvin Hodrick
Supporter

Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study Report

Dzana Homan

Mon 1/10/2022 12:56 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Susan Higgins

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TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

REFERENCE: Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study Report

Thank you for taking the time to review my feedback regarding a long-standing effort to establish pickleball courts in Redondo Beach.

I have been a resident and homeowner of Redondo beach since 2001. I was introduced to pickleball in July 2020 here in Redondo Beach on a makeshift pickleball court. Like for many, it was "love at a first play ."This game helped many friends and me survive Covid 19 lockdowns and the isolation that visited us all. While people of all ages play this game, there is a healthy and unprecedented representation of older citizens and long-time Redonod taxpayers.

Our numerous local players are visible and active in social media groups on Facebook, NextDoor, MeetUp, etc. I am grateful that you invested and identified Alta Vista and Aviation Park as Feasible locations. While you are now considering one of those two locations, it is essential to consider building on both sites. It is straightforward; we need to invest and support our citizens who have invested in this community for decades. I urge you to vote for building ten pickleball courts to see a wonderful and meaningful return on investment measured in the health and happiness of our citizens.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Warmest regards and best wishes in a new 2022!

Dzana Homan

Dzana Homan

Pickleball

Elizabeth Kaszas

Mon 1/10/2022 10:09 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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hello,

My husband and I live across from Beryl elementary school, and really enjoy playing pickle ball. The lack of courts in in the city has been very disappointing, and we hope that we can get courts into the city as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth Kaszas

Pickleball

EASYN Net USA

Sun 1/9/2022 3:00 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello Kelly,

OMGoodness .. let's put Redondo Beach on the Pickleball map!

Very exciting game and growing fast!

Alta Vista only needs to convert one tennis court into 4 pickleball courts.

All neighboring cities have Pickleball... It's our turn!

Thank you so much!!

Nancy Kritzler
South Redondo



Pickleball Courts for Redondo Beach

Joe Leibfried

Thu 1/6/2022 11:55 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Wendy Rudicl

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To Kelly Orta, Redondo Beach Community Services

I am a Redondo Beach resident owning a home at 1911 Dufour Ave, Unit B since 2014. I am writing to you in support of adding dedicated pickleball courts within the City of Redondo Beach. As the game is growing in popularity so rapidly partially due to its appeal to people of ages from 8 to 85+ our city needs to meet the demands of the residents. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help move this endeavor forward. Many of us in Redondo Beach are willing and able to assist.

Sincerely,
Joe Leibfried

In support of Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Kelley Mayeda

Sun 1/9/2022 12:25 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello Kelly. My family lives in North Redondo Beach on Voorhees Ave. My parents have owned this property for more than 20 years. Since it's 2 on a lot, my mother, sister and her family live in the back house. My family lives in the front house.

We would absolutely love and use pickleball courts near the Aviation Gym.

My whole family loves and plays pickleball...even my 86 year old mother, Lou McCauley. We love seeing her outside, keeping in shape, playing with her friends. Pickleball is an amazing sport for all ages and that spot by the gym sure seems like it would be absolutely perfect! I

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America!

Below is an article (also attached) published in the Torrance Memorial Hospital Magazine about Pickleball and my multi-generational family of pickleball players....this is how important the sport is to our family.

Thanks so much for your time on this!!!

Kelley Mayeda

PICKLE RELISH



Posted on Aug 3, 2021

Under lockdown, Americans of all ages have been spicing things up with a fun new pastime.

Written by Diane Krieger / Photographed by Steve Taylor

Lara Marmelstein had been a highly ranked (5.0) tennis player for more than 30 years when a buddy introduced her to a new racquet sport with a silly name: pickleball. The 54-year-old nurse from San Juan Capistrano was instantly hooked.

“I love, love, love, love pickleball!”

Marmelstein gushes. “I love it so much that I gave up tennis. I look forward to playing pickleball until I’m 100.”

She means that literally. With its compact court and low-force volleys, pickleball is senior-friendly and uniquely well-suited for intergenerational play.

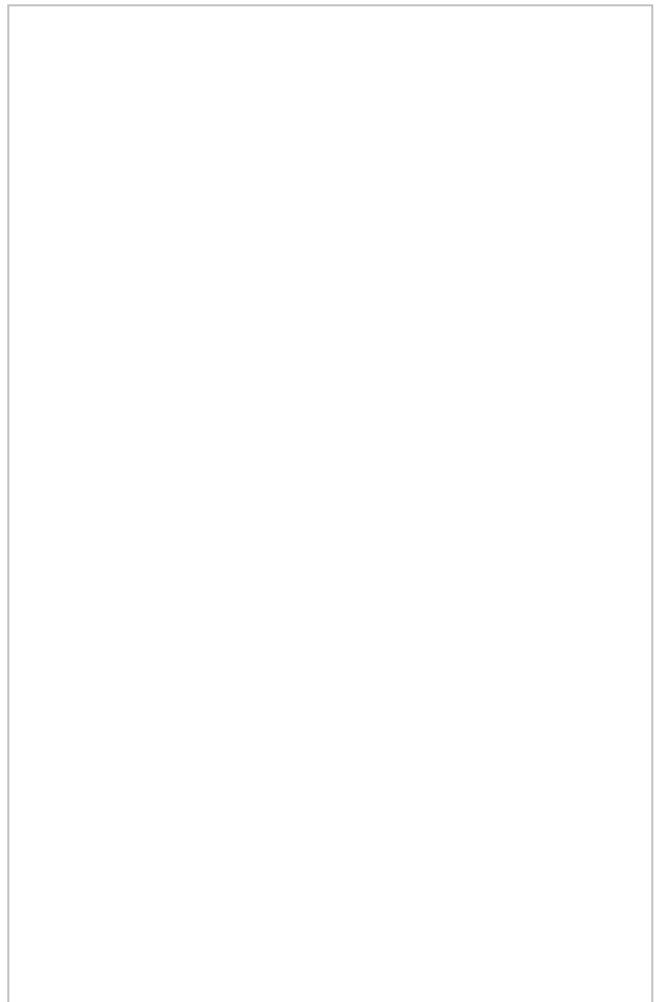
“There’s less emphasis on running than in tennis. You can sort of hop over to one side or the other. That’s why older people and children can play,” says Marmelstein, who took up pickleball in 2015.

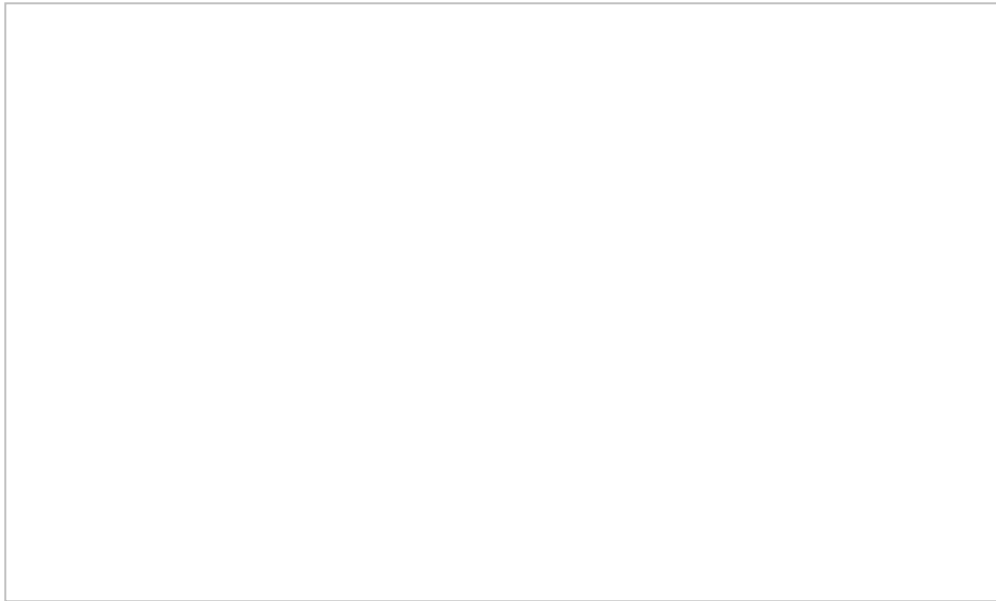
She had no trouble selling her 85-year-old mother, Mary Lou McCauley, and sister

Kelley Mayeda on the sport. The fever quickly spread to Mayeda’s adult sons, Mac and Jacob, and Marmelstein’s own adult children, Mitchel and McKenna. Another sister, Marlo Blandford, and brother-in-law Johnny have since embraced the family pastime.

Marmelstein, who worked at Torrance Memorial for a decade before moving to Orange County in 2000, returns to the South Bay every week. By long-standing tradition, she and her siblings, their spouses and offspring gather on Thursdays at mom’s house in Redondo Beach for “family night.” Then bright and early Friday morning, these self-described “pickleheads” take to the courts at Manhattan Heights Park or Hermosa Beach.

“It’s such a neat thing that I can play with my 85-year-old mom and my 30-year-old nephew. I could never do that in tennis,” says Marmelstein, who plays pickleball five times a week. Her skill-level rating is 4.5 on a scale of 6. Pro level starts at 5.5.



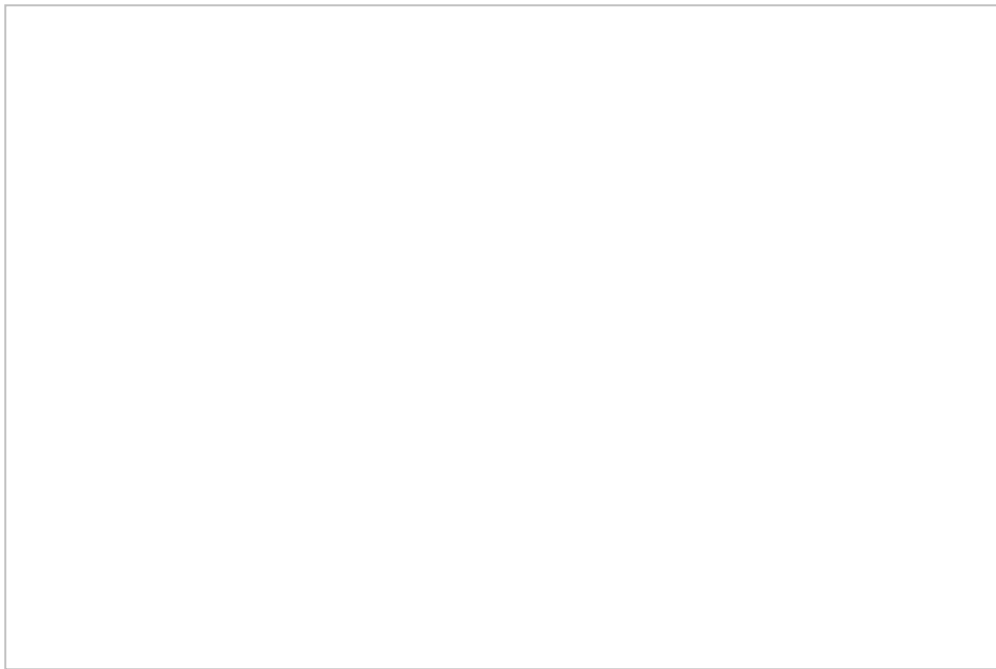


Marmelstein's three-generation, pickleball-loving family is part of a trend sweeping the nation. According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, pickleball grew to 4.2 million players in 2020—up from 3.5 million in 2019. That's just in the United States. Forty-eight other member countries belong to the International Federation of Pickleball, which aims to take the sport to the Olympics.

Already one of the fastest-growing sports before the pandemic, pickleball exploded in popularity as rec centers, health clubs and public parks closed for much of the year. "You can play pickleball anywhere, really. People play in their cul-de-sacs. That's what we did throughout COVID-19," Marmelstein says.

All you need is a 20-by-44-foot paved surface, sidewalk chalk, a portable net, paddles and the sport's signature plastic ball resembling Swiss cheese. (A starter kit of four paddles, balls and net will set you back about \$100.)

Combining elements from badminton, tennis and ping-pong, pickleball is played on a badminton-sized court (or one-quarter of a tennis court) using a net that is near tennis height.



“It’s super easy to learn,” says pickleball enthusiast Steve Taylor, 53. “A single lesson is enough to start you playing.” Taylor’s sport of choice before he got bitten by the pickleball bug had been volleyball—but he’s an outlier. Four of five pickleball players come from tennis or other racquet sports, he says.

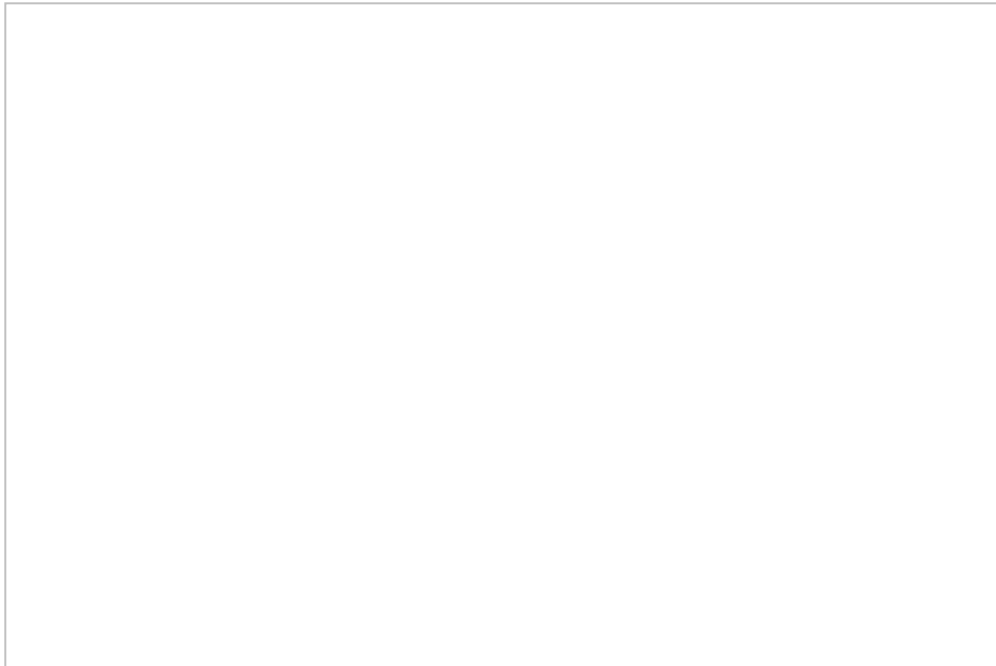
A professional videographer, Taylor discovered the game while filming content for the Pickleball Channel on YouTube in 2015. Since then, pickleball has taken over his professional and personal life. Now nearly all his clients are pickleball organizations. “The sport is blowing up. Everybody needs photos and video,” he says.

When he isn’t shooting tournaments, pro tours or feature articles for Pickleball Magazine, Taylor is usually swinging a paddle. He plays six days a week, three to five hours a day, across the South Bay and Orange County. He also teaches private and group lessons on various local courts. “I’m just heavily addicted,” he says, laughing.

What makes pickleball so addictive? “The secret sauce—and the reason the intergenerational stuff works—is because pickleball is very easy to learn, very easy to play and it’s super social,” Taylor says.

The social aspects are baked in. The small court size encourages chit-chat between partners and opponents. A single-match rule in drop-in open play promotes ever-changing player combinations because a new foursome takes the court after each set. A paddle queuing system keeps track of who's up next. If you show up alone, your paddle is randomly paired with another in the queue, sparking new friendships.

“That’s what makes pickleball so great. I love all the people I get to interact with,” Taylor says.



Pickleball Pros

Don’t be fooled by pickleball’s ease of play. As one grows into the sport, strategy and technique become crucial—which is why hard-bitten competitors like Marmelstein and Taylor can never get enough.

“If you play it well, you’re moving all the time,” says Marmelstein. “It’s exhausting. Just watch some pro videos and see how fast and accurate and athletic they are—what amazing hands they have!”

The sport currently has three major tournaments: Margaritaville USA Pickleball Nationals at Indian Wells, California; the US Open in Naples, Florida; and the Tournament of Champions in Brigham City, Utah. Two pro tours—one with 18 stops, another with 12—pay purses up to \$125,000, and top players clear more than \$200,000 a year between winnings, brand sponsorships and clinics. Level Up, one of the sport’s premiere academies, runs three-day training camps in 90 cities.

Tournament age brackets go from preteens to seniors. One of the world’s top pro players is 14-year-old Anna Leigh Waters of Delray Beach, Florida.

Pickleball History

Pickleball was invented in 1965 by Joel Pritchard, a six-term U.S. congressman from Seattle, at his vacation home on Bainbridge Island, Washington. He and two other dads created the sport as a way to entertain their kids who complained of having “nothing to do.”

According to the Pickleball Hall of Fame, the sport was possibly named for the Pritchard family dog, Pickles, who absconded with stray whiffle balls. By another account, the name was coined by Pritchard’s wife, Joan. The mash-up of three racquet/paddle sports reminded her of “pickle boats” in crew, where oarsmen are chosen from the leftovers of other boats.

Support for Dedicated Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Lisa Meenan

Fri 1/7/2022 4:28 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Please consider establishing four (4) dedicated pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park in South Redondo as well as constructing six (6) dedicated pickleball courts at Aviation Park in North Redondo. This sport as you know is growing so fast and there just aren't enough courts in the South Bay. It was disappointing that there are only 2 usable courts in Hermosa Beach and no Open Play right now. Manhattan Beach has allowed open play on the weekday mornings although there are long waiting times. I have since joined West End tennis club which turned one tennis court into 4 permanent Pickleball courts. I understand the tennis players at Alta Vista are concerned about losing 1 court which would accommodate 4 Pickleball courts but I think you will find that many of the tennis players will become Pickleball players as well as that happened at West End Tennis club. Also there is a need for Open play hours even if you have to charge a small fee. Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Meenan, Hermosa Beach USA Pickleball Ambassador

Pickle ball courts

Megan Mercer

Thu 1/6/2022 3:50 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi Ms. Orta,

I am writing to let you know we would love more Pickle Ball courts in North and South Redondo Beach. It is something that is good for us, physically, and exercise the whole family can do. I live in North Redondo, and I am a newbie learning to play pickle ball. After back and neck surgery, I am looking for more ways to exercise and have fun outside.

Sincerely,

Megan Mercer

From

North Redondo

Sent from my iPhone

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Sun 1/9/2022 12:26 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

REFERENCE: Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study Report

My name is Lisa Michelle and I am a Redondo Beach resident and home owner for 7 years. I fully support the initiative for Redondo Beach to build multiple dedicated Pickleball courts. There is a great community of Pickleball players here in Redondo Beach and they welcome everyone regardless of our skill levels. We just don't have a place to meet up and play.

Finding and learning the sport of Pickleball has been a wonderful experience for me. It is a positive supportive encouraging sport where residents can socialize, exercise, and meet new people that become lifelong friends. The best part is that this sport is accessible to individuals of all ages; and I look forward to many decades of improving my game and building my social network in my community.

Please approve this initiative to build courts in Redondo Beach.

Respectfully,
Lisa Michelle
Redondo Beach Resident

Redondo Pickleball Courts

Thu 1/6/2022 7:59 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi,

I am Michael Moran from Manhattan Beach. I do support your plans for pickleball courts at Alta Vista and at Aviation adjoining the gymnasium. I can tell you they are sorely needed in RB since we "urban pickleball players " have so few facilities and the sport continues to grow at an incredible pace.

Personally, playing pickleball has helped me recover from a recent heart attack, and my continued participation should insure I avoid another.

Thank you for your good work.

Sent from my Galaxy

I support Pickleball in RB

Shaun Morey

Wed 1/5/2022 1:07 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I am a homeowner in Redondo Beach and I play Pickleball. Currently RB residents must drive to PV, Hermosa Beach (if we know a resident pickleballer), MB, and even El Segundo. Pickleball is taking the state by storm, and RB is falling behind. Please make it easier for us to play Pickleball in Redondo Beach.

Thank you,

—Shaun Morey

Pickleball Study

Jim Mueller

Sun 1/9/2022 4:52 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi, Kelly,

I am an experienced pickleball player who now plays at Manhattan Beach Manhattan Heights location, which has three dedicated courts and four co-use courts.

Following are my views on the Redondo study.

1. If only one set of courts can be built, it would be fair to have them equally accessible to both North and South Redondo.. This eliminates the Aviation, Anderson, Perry Park and Alta Vista sites.
2. Proximity to residences and the peculiar, sharp noise made when the racket meets ball has been a thorn in the side of Hermosa Beach. They now restrict play to abate the problem.
3. More than four courts to start with is overkill.
4. Co-use on tennis courts is satisfactory to support recreational play In addition, co-use fosters positive social interaction. Stand-alone courts can always be added if the sport proves massively popular in Redondo Beach. Co-use has lowest initial cost. However, co-use requires portable equipment which must be set up, taken down and stored. I didn't see any on-going costs in the study for that.
5. Night play would be good to accommodate taxpayers who work and need to recreate in the evenings.

Thanks for your attention.

Jim Mueller

Pickleball courts

Marcus Pierce

Wed 1/5/2022 6:58 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello Kelly

I am writing in support of Pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. It's long overdue.

I strongly support the tennis court conversion at Alta Vista which would be a great first step and short term solution as new construction at aviation Park would take considerably longer but also needed.

I don't need to go into all the health and social reasons why I think Pickleball is beneficial.

There's no doubt that Redondo Beach restaurants and businesses would benefit from adding Pickleball courts to their city. Redondo Beach has been way behind the curve and the residents deserve to have their own courts in their own city.

By the way, the best Pickleball players are all tennis converts. So while they may complain if one court is converted at Alta Vista, they'll all come over to the Pickleball side eventually.

Thank you,

Valerie Pierce

Sent from my iPhone

  Pickleball in Redondo Beach!  

S. David Plotkin

Wed 1/5/2022 9:32 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello,

One of the wonderful things about pickleball is that you could fit four courts on the size of one tennis court which increases the amount of people that are able to play and revenue that the city will get. All age groups enjoy pickleball!

Finally I've been able to participate in a sport that is a wonderful health benefit and lots of fun as well.

I am 68 years old with diabetes and I find it difficult to participate in a lot of sports. Not Pickleball!

A lifelong tennis player and now having pickleball available I can still play on the court and get my exercise and my social experiences as well.

Unfortunately it's difficult to find courts close by and I find myself playing in Carson and Inglewood!

Redondo Beach has always been the star of the South Bay and offering better amenities than the cities around them...

It's certainly time to add pickleball courts in at least two of the parks in Redondo Beach!

Thank you for your consideration!

David Plotkin

Pickleball

Dallas Poffenroth

Thu 1/6/2022 9:49 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Good morning Ms. Orta,

Pickleball enthusiasts eagerly await the feasibility study report and the Commissioners vote next week. I personally hope there will be a positive outcome. Since 2017 I have been communicating with the City of Redondo Beach Parks and Recreation, having asserted that Pickleball is an increasingly popular world wide sport, and strongly advocated for the City to provide courts. John LaRock was my contact for Parks and Recreation, and was very proactive in supporting this project. (I have retained our communications to this effect.) Though Covid has delayed progress, there is now even more demand for public play, as seen by the effort & development some Beach Cities such as Manhattan Beach and El Segundo have initiated. In fact, these cities have recently hosted the first leagues and tournaments in the area.

When I began this project in 2017, I suggested that conversion of at least 1 tennis court at Alta Vista to 4 pickleball courts should be considered; and I continue to strongly support this concept. It is understood that tennis remains a very popular sport, and some tennis players may object to this conversion. (I understand the love of tennis players for the sport, as I also played tennis for many years). However, this park development is supported by all the taxpayers, and considering the multiple requests by Picklball players for Redondo Beach courts, should be a shared facility.

Development of a larger complex in North Redondo at Aviation Park is also, I believe, an excellent idea. The area is spacious and would allow for multiple courts, thus decreasing the wait time for open play, and looking toward the future for competitive events.

Thank you for your support in communicating with Susan Higgins. This has kept all of us informed.

Regards,

Dallas Poffenroth

USPA Ambassador, Redondo Beach

In support of adding dedicated pickleball courts within the City of Redondo Beach.

Wendy Rudick

Thu 1/6/2022 7:57

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Joe Leibfried ; Susan Higgins

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To Kelly Orta, Redondo Beach Community Services

I am a Redondo Beach resident owing a home at 1911 Dufour Ave, Unit B since 2014. I am writing to you in support of adding dedicated pickleball courts within the City of Redondo Beach.

When we heard Redondo Beach was considering the addition of both temporary and dedicated pickleball courts, we celebrated. Currently we must travel to neighboring community courts to play. The sport is growing so fast it is getting more and more difficult to find courts or to be invited to a game.

I understand dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach are being considered at Alta Vista Park and Aviation Park. I support these locations and like that courts will be available in both South and North Redondo.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help move this endeavor successful.

Sincerely,

Wendy Rudick

Pickleball Courts PLEASE

Constance E Soteropulos

Wed 1/5/2022 2:33 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I understand the upcoming Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting is the first crucial vote by the City to move forward with getting pickleball courts.

I urge the council to move forward with four (4) dedicated pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park in South Redondo and constructing six (6) dedicated Pickleball courts at Aviation Park in North Redondo.

- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America.
- South Bay has very few public courts.
- It is a great sport for all ages, especially (but not limited to) the senior population here.
- Playing pickleball can boost one's mood and overall mental health
- You burn calories, and fewer injuries occur due to the low impact nature of the game
- Pickleball specifically works on balance and agility

I am not a sports enthusiast by any stretch of the imagination, but I love playing this game. I moved here a year ago and it has been one of the only things that has helped me meet people.

Please vote yes.

Sincerely,
Connie Soteropulos

Pickleball court locations, feasibility report

BOBBY TREVINO

Sun 1/9/2022 1:09 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: Susan Higgins

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My name is Bobby Trevino. I'm a 66 year resident and homeowner in North Redondo. I've been playing pickleball for several years. It has been so much fun playing a sport that includes people of all ages, young and old. The health benefits and social aspect of pickleball, make it the fastest growing sport in the nation, which requires more facilities to accommodate the growing number of players, especially in our community.

Of all the options available, I believe the Aviation location for dedicated courts would be ideal and also, the Alta Vista location would be fantastic. while any re striping options are better than nothing, the options for dedicated courts would be best.

I appreciate the city looking into all of this with the feasibility study and moving forward to a decision on dedicated pickleball courts in our wonderful city.

Thank you,
Bobby Trevino

Pickleball Courts

Danielle Vindez

Wed 1/5/2022 2:10 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I fully support dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach (preferably 4 pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park and 6 pickleball courts at Aviation Park). I talk to the major about this a few years back. Pickleball as you know is hot, the average age of players now is 44.

Some facts:

Estimated Pickleball Players Within the United States

Pickleball grew in 2020 to 4.2 million players in the US, an incredible growth rate of 21.3% from 2019 per the Sports & Fitness Industry Association's (SFIA) 2021 Topline Participation Report, released in Feb. 2021.

In their 2020 Pickleball Participant Report (which includes data through 2019), the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) reported pickleball currently had 3.46 million players in the US. Below are a few details from the 2020 SFIA Pickleball Participation Report – the anticipated

2021 Pickleball Participation Report should be released later this year:

- Of the 4.2 million players, 2.8 million were "Casual" players who play 1-7 times a year
- 1.4 million were "Core" players who play 8 or more times a year
- The Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) for all players from 2017 to 2020 was 10.5%, for a total growth rate of 34% over three years
- 61% of participants are men and 39% are women
- The average age for all players is 38.1 years old
- The average age for Core players is 47.5 and Casual players 33.6 years old
- 60% of Core players are 55 or older
- 79% of Casual players are 54 or younger
- From 2016-2020:
 - the percentage of Core players ages 54 and younger grew from 40% to 46%
 - the percentage of Casual players ages 54 and younger grew from 79% to 80%
 - these increases in the percentages of both Core and Casual players less than 55 years of age reflect faster growth among younger players
- The percentages by age of Total, Core, and Casual participants are:

AGES TOTAL CORE CASUAL

6-17	20.1%	13.3%	23.4%
8-34	27.8%	15.4%	33.9%
35-54	21.1%	17.3%	22.8%
55-64	12.6%	20.3%	8.9%
65+	18.4%	33.7%	11.0%

Everyone everywhere is playing pickleball how about Redondo Beach?

Keep Redondo Social and Healthy - help grow movement!

Danielle Vindez

Pickleball

susan weinstein

Thu 1/6/2022 4:10 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hi Kelly, I'm a huge fan of Pickle Ball and support putting more Courts up !

Thank you, susan weinstein

Sent from my iPad

SUPPORT FOR DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Tue 1/4/2022 5:12 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc:

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TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

RE: Pickleball Courts Feasibility Study Report

Kelly, I was delighted to hear about your new role in Redondo Beach, and am hopeful that you can assist the pickleball community as you have in Hermosa.

Having worked with you before, I am certain that you are well acquainted with the positive benefits of the sport and its growing popularity. So instead,

I want to comment on the current situation with regard to crowding in the beach cities.

You are all well aware of the Hermosa Beach situation. While I hope we will soon gain back one or two of the closed courts, those courts

don't even begin to satisfy the demand for the sport in the beach cities. Hermosa Beach doesn't have the land to accommodate additional courts, and potential tennis

courts are too close to residents. So Hermosa and Redondo residents tend to migrate to Manhattan Beach,

Torrance, and El Segundo. Manhattan Beach courts offer open

play mornings Monday – Friday. I play there often, and the wait times and crowding are a huge problem. You wait about half an hour between games most times.

While Redondo players are welcome, their presence demonstrates the need for Redondo courts. The same is true in Torrance and El Segundo. Reservations in Hermosa,

Manhattan and El Segundo are very competitive, and each city favors its own residents. That leaves Redondo at a disadvantage, making it virtually impossible for Redondo residents to get a reservation anywhere.

It makes perfect sense to offer two pickleball locations in Redondo Beach in order to better serve the residents.

The obvious two locations are Aviation Park (north)

and Alta Vista Park (South) to spread the demand, with 6 and 4 courts respectively. This would go a long way in alleviating the current crowding problem and

would help address the exponential growth of the sport in the South Bay. It would also provide a revenue source for the city.

Please support this proposal and help us expand access to this wonderful sport!

Mary Young, Hermosa Beach resident and USAPA Ambassador, Hermosa Beach

SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

John Zimmer

Wed 1/5/2022 12:48 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello Kelly

I am a long time Redondo Beach resident, over 45+ years in Redondo.

I highly recommend adding much needed pickleball courts in the city. 8 courts at Alta Vista and 6 courts at Aviation Park.

Much thanks for pushing this much needed physical activity expansion!!

Regards,

John Zimmer, Redondo Beach Long Term Resident

Pickleball Courts

Theresa Brooks

Mon 1/10/2022 5:42 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello

I love playing pickleball and play at courts in the South Bay that are overcrowded. I would really appreciate it if they could convert a tennis court at Alta Vista Park into 4 pickleball courts and Aviation into six pickleball courts. This sport has really increased their players and we definitely need more courts. Please consider expanding!

Thank you,

Theresa Brooks

Sent from my iPhone

Support for Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

Cade Erickson

Mon 1/10/2022 5:19 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc

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Hello,

I am a Redondo Beach resident who is also a local college student that has been playing pickleball for almost three years now. Ever since I started I have had to go to other cities and play at their courts. Pickleball is a very important part of my life and when I go places to play I am often asked, "where are you from and where do you play?", and I have to tell them that I usually play all around in different places because the city I live in does not have a single permanent pickleball court. Now that I am also a pickleball instructor, more and more people who want to get into the game ask me where they can play. I would like to tell them there are places in every city to play, only Redondo does not have a place to play. Then I learned about the potential for courts at Alta Vista Park and Aviation Park. This is something that got me very excited and I was happy to hear that there were even talks about putting permanent courts somewhere. I think that having courts in North Redondo as well as South Redondo is the best idea because there are just so many players that having only one place to play would just not be enough. Also because of the way the city is structured, it just makes more sense to have courts on each side because having to drive from one side to the other is basically the same as driving to a whole new city. I hope these projects and plans actually happen!

Cade

New Pickleball Courts in Redondo Beach

DOUG FREEMAN

Mon 1/10/2022 7:29 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Hello Kelly,

I would like to voice my support for the new pickleball courts being considered in Redondo Beach, both at the Aviation Rec center and Alta Vista park. As pickleball continues to grow, the need for places to play also grows.

Thank you for your support.

Doug Freeman

South Bay Pickleball Enthusiast.

Sent from my iP

Fwd: SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

SUSAN HIGGINS

Mon 1/10/2022 4:45 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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Please use the corrected version in this email. I promise it won't happen again. It's the third paragraph. The date is July **2021** not 2020.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you,
Susan Higgins

Begin forwarded message:

From: SUSAN HIGGINS

Subject: SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Date: January 7, 2022 at 10:59:56 AM PST

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Hi Kelly,

Please use this email. I made a correction to a typo in the 7th paragraph.

Thank you,

Susan Higgins

Begin forwarded message:

From: SUSAN HIGGINS

Subject: SUPPORT FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS IN REDONDO BEACH

Date: January 7, 2022 at 10:41:20 AM PST

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

REFERENCE: Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study Report

My name is Susan Higgins and I am a Redondo Beach resident and home owner of 31 years. I was introduced to the sport of pickleball about 7 years ago and quickly became hooked. It's a fun, social, easy to learn (but hard to master), active sport that all ages can play and it is great exercise.

The explosion in popularity of pickleball in the last couple of years has highlighted the shortage of pickleball courts in the Beach Cities, particularly in Redondo Beach which currently has no

pickleball courts.

In early July 2021, a subgroup of Redondo Beach resident pickleball players submitted a "position paper" email to the City of Redondo Beach (Mayor, 5 Councilmembers and Community Services Director) requesting the City to support establishing at least 6 dedicated pickleball courts and to move out on the pickleball courts location(s) Feasibility Study. We had recommended the Study include Aviation Park and Dominguez Park and look at Alta Vista Park at least for striping a tennis court for 4 pickleball courts in the near term.

I was pleased to see that the architects completed this pickleball courts locations Feasibility Study. From reading their report and the Community Services Director's Administrative Report, the two highest potential locations for dedicated pickleball courts are Aviation Park (6 courts) in North Redondo and Alta Vista Park (4 courts by conversion of one tennis court) in South Redondo. After reviewing the engineering assessment of Dominguez Park, it's understandable that this is not a suitable location for pickleball courts.

Regarding Alta Vista Park, I recognize that the architects included constructing a 5th standalone pickleball court on the grass area adjacent to tennis court no. 1 but I do not believe that is a worthwhile effort because the money needed for this 5th court would be better spent on the tennis court conversion which would require not only the work stipulated in the architects' report but also adding additional fencing to close the wide gap between the two tennis courts and the addition of acoustiblok/acoustifence lining (noise reducing fences) all around this converted tennis court for noise mitigation purposes. It's fortunate that all 8 of these tennis courts at Alta Vista Park have separate entry/exit gates which facilitates adding the additional fencing to enclose the 4 pickleball courts. The tennis players currently have 8 courts at Alta Vista Park and 2 courts at Anderson Park. Reducing their number of courts by 1 should not be an issue and it would give the resident, tax paying pickleball players courts to play on.

I understand (with City Council's approval) that establishing 4 dedicated pickleball courts at Alta Vista Park in South Redondo could be accomplished in the near term and support this location. But 4 pickleball courts will not come close to providing the resident players with an adequate number of courts.

I am requesting that the City also approve proceeding with the construction of 6 dedicated pickleball courts at Aviation Park in North Redondo. This is an "ideal location", would not displace any other sport, sits far away from residential homes and the land area is large enough to accommodate 6 courts with lighting, fencing, and seating. It is clearly recognized that this is new construction and would require time and money but I believe the pickleball players (myself included) would be supportive of this project given the end result of 6 new dedicated courts. And, with the City's approval of 4 dedicated courts at Alta Vista Park in the near term, there would at least be some pickleball courts available to the resident players of Redondo Beach.

It would have been fortunate if a central location in the City had been identified for at least 6 dedicated pickleball courts such as Dominguez Park. But given the landfill and power lines, the very high cost and certainly very high maintenance costs, this central location should no longer be considered.

Without a central location, it is highly desirable that dedicated pickleball courts be established/constructed at both South Redondo and North Redondo to better serve all City

players. This is similar to what the City has already approved relative to construction of a skate park at the Pier in South Redondo and a skate park at Perry Park in North Redondo. Also, tennis players have courts at Alta Vista Park in South Redondo and courts at Anderson Park in North Redondo.

I thank and appreciate the City moving out on the Feasibility Study and focusing effort on establishing dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach. Hoping for a very positive outcome and looking forward to being able to play my sport in my city of residence!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Higgins
Redondo Beach Resident

Redondo Beach Pickleball Support

Jennifer Mowry

Sat 1/8/2022 10:29 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

Cc: SUSAN HIGGINS

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To: Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

Re: Meeting of January 12, 2022, Agenda Item J.1 and Pickleball Courts Locations Feasibility Study Report

My name is Jennifer Mowry, a Redondo Beach resident and an avid Pickleball player. I am in total support of constructing designated Pickleball courts in the city of Redondo Beach. I've been playing Pickleball for over 5 years and would love the possibility to be able to play this sport in Redondo Beach. We have been playing Pickleball in other cities, but would absolutely welcome the opportunity to play here in Redondo Beach.

After reading the architects report and the Community Services Director's Administrative Report, I am in total agreement with proceeding with the construction of 6 dedicated Pickleball courts at Aviation Park in North Redondo. I agree with Susan Higgins and many other Pickleball players that this is a fantastic location sitting far away from residential homes and large enough to accommodate 6 courts with lighting, fencing, and seating. I also like the approval for the Alta Vista Park conversion of a tennis court into 4 Pickleball courts in South Redondo. This would give availability for all resident players to have a place to play especially since Redondo Beach currently has no Pickleball courts. With approval of both locations, this would be ideal for residents living in North and South Redondo Beach.

Thank you for your support of the whole community and for your understanding and help in establishing dedicated Pickleball courts in the city of Redondo Beach. We all appreciate your hard work and efforts. Pickleball really is "The fastest growing sport in the USA".

Sincerely,
Jennifer Mowry
Redondo Beach Resident

Support for pickleball courts in Redondo Beach

Lisa

Tue 1/11/2022 1:06 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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To the Recreation and Parks Commissioners and Kelly Orta, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

We are in full support for dedicated pickleball courts in our home city of Redondo Beach. Currently we drive to Manhattan Heights, where it is very crowded and takes us almost half an hour to get there. The sport is really exploding in popularity and wait times are getting longer each day.

Pickleball has been great for our health and socialization! We're hoping that the city can give us the 6 courts at Aviation Park and 4 courts at Alta Vista as recommended by the feasibility study. Thank you for your time and efforts!

Lisa Olson - Redondo Beach resident
Greg Olson- Redondo Beach resident

Redondo Beach Pickleball Courts

Go 'Horns

Wed 1/12/2022 11:51 AM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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I am a 30-plus year resident of Redondo Beach and a regular pickleball player. I currently play in El Segundo and Manhattan Beach and experience challenges getting court time due to the reservation system used in those cities. I am in favor of dedicated pickleball courts in Redondo Beach.

Diane Pyrek

Pickleball Courts for Redondo Beach

KATHY TURNER

Mon 1/10/2022 11:49 PM

To: Kelly Orta <Kelly.Orta@redondo.org>

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To whom it may concern:

Hello! My name is Mrs. Kathryn Turner and I live in the Wiseburn area of Hawthorne, a neighboring city of Redondo Beach. Both my husband, Mr. Tracy Turner, and I are avid fans of pickleball and play approximately 3 times a week, primarily at Manhattan Heights, Manhattan Beach.

We have been playing pickleball for close to six years now and have watched the sport grow by leaps and bounds! We originally started playing in El Segundo back before they had their dedicated courts for pickleball.

Since this sport has become so popular, so has the demand for courts everywhere! We have played at many locations in the South Bay. On any given day, any time, there is demand for court access. Most the time when we go to play we have to wait for a fair amount of time to be able to play a game. It can be frustrating to say the least! Also, if reservations are needed at a court it is sometimes difficult to secure a time since there is such a high demand, especially if you are not a resident of the city that the court is in.

I'm taking the time to write this letter to you to let you know how much Pickleball has improved our quality of life! We are both 62 years of age and it's a sport for young and old! I personally know and have played with and against players in their 80's along with teens. I have witnessed families gathering together for this 'old fashioned' type of fun, which I feel is much needed in this time of technology driven activities.

By providing the local communities with additional pickleball courts at Alta Vista and Aviation Park will help ease the over crowdedness of the local pickleball courts. It will also provide area for people interested in the sport to take lessons, or play in tournaments which in turn, could provide some revenue to recoup some of the cost that is needed to create the courts.

We cannot say enough good things about the sport of Pickleball and truly believe it would be a good decision to provide more courts for the community.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathryn (Kathy) Turner
Mr. Tracy Turner

Sent from my iPhone