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From: Quang Do [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:23 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Propose to change 2 remain tennis courts at Finley park to pickle ball courts.

Dear city council,

There is a proposal going on with pickleball players to cross lining 2 remaining tennis courts into pickleball courts. I am a tennis player and pickleball player, but I disagree with this proposal and our tennis community is angry when we learn about this.

I am against this and here are my reasons.

1. We only have 2 tennis courts left on the westside of Santa rosa for us to enjoy, and these courts belong to people in the westside who also pay taxes. Pickleball players came from other areas and even different cities like Rohner part, Cotati, Petaluma, Windsor. They all came together at Finley taking over our tennis courts.
2. Once the courts are painted with different lines, it would be so difficult to play, especially for tennis because we can't differentiate which line is for tennis. Look at court 4 which was painted over, it is confusing to pickleball and tennis, also it's very dangerous for someone to play tennis there.
3. It is unfair to the tennis community if these last 2 courts got converted, it's like a slap in the face to us. There used to be a lot of tennis players who came to Finley, but since pickleball started and took over courts 3 and 4, We tennis players have to wait a long time for our turn to play, since only 8 people can play at one time, that's for doubles.
4. My proposal to pickleball players is to schedule players to come out at different times, also most pickleball players are retirees they can come out whenever they want.
5. It's unfair for them to take over our remaining 2 tennis courts so people from all over the county use them while our tennis community in west santa rosa is treated unfairly.

So Please reconsider this and don't do it.

Best Regard,

Quang Do

[REDACTED]

From: Christopher Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:54 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Tennis Courts

My name is Christopher Williams and I live at [REDACTED]. I have lived in my home for over 22 years.

When I bought my home part of my decision to buy was because Finley Park had 4 tennis courts.

I was very upset when two of my courts were taken away from us without any public input. We were never offered a way for us tennis players to help find a solution that was acceptable to all parties. You just took our courts away.

We now have only 2 courts left on the west side of Santa Rosa. There are 16 courts on the east side. Why are you hurting those that work in this neighborhood and can only play on the weekends. What about the kids and young adults that don't drive and yet want to play tennis. What about those that want to learn tennis and live around Finley? Why not convert the unused junior courts at Galvin in pickleball courts.

Sincerely,

Christopher Williams
[REDACTED]

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

[REDACTED]

From: Dustin St. John [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:02 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley tennis courts

Hello,

I am writing you to ask that Finley courts are allowed to keep 2 courts designated for tennis. These are the only public tennis courts on the west side of Santa Rosa. I live on the west side and it is nice to have courts close enough to not have to drive.

I am tennis and pickleball player and play both here and at other parks regularly. The tennis courts are often in use at Finley when I'm there. Tennis court availability can already be limited at Galvin and Howarth parks as well.

Thank you,
Dustin

[REDACTED]

From: Barbra Boyd [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:43 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts at Finley Park

Good Morning,

I am writing to support the effort by Sonoma County Pickleball players to have the city cross-strip pickleball lines on the tennis courts at Finley.

I am 63 years old and get little exercise other than walking. I recently started playing Pickleball at Finley and it has already improved my health. I have lost ten pounds and my blood pressure is lower. There is drop in play every weekday morning and every time I have gone to play the six courts are full with many people waiting to play. Pickleball is getting very popular and the need for additional courts is great.

Please consider cross-stripping the other tennis courts at Finley. The Town of Windsor is working on new Pickleball courts as the sport continues to expand and I'm hoping The City of Santa Rosa recognizes the need as well.

Thank you,

Barbra Boyd

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Birgitte Foley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:55 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for more Pickleball courts

To whom it may concern;

Please consider adding more Pickleball courts to the Finley facility.

I just started playing pickleball a few weeks ago, and what a blast it has been. I love the game, getting exercise while outdoors, meeting so many friendly people and that all age groups and fitness levels can play.

Thank you so much for considering additional courts, so more people can benefit from the fantastic game of pickleball.

Sincerely,
Birgitte Foley

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

[REDACTED]

From: Quyen Truong [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:26 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis Courts at Finley Park, West SR

Hi,

My name is

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Quyên Truong, MSEM, ASP

[REDACTED]

From: Quyen Truong [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:42 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Tennis Courts at Finley Park, West SR

Hi,

My name is Quyen Truong, I have been playing tennis since I was 8 years old at the finley tennis courts. These courts were my home away from home as I trained and played for hours growing up. Because of the hard work and dedication I put in at these courts, I was able to play Division 3 Intercollegiate tennis at USCS during my undergrad. I later became a coach in Santa Clara county sharing and teaching children and adults of all ages this fantastic sport. It deeply saddens me that these courts are being overtaken by greedy, aggressive, and entitled pickleball players that are constantly bullying people of color on these courts. I frequently visit Santa Rosa and would enjoy early morning weekends playing tennis with the people that I grew up with and who shared the sport with me as a child. I have personally encountered pickleball players yelling and threatening tennis players and myself. One instance, I had a player harassing me while I was playing on the shared court. He was constantly asking when I would be done, counting down the clock, and standing on my court behind me in the playing zone while I was hitting. He then began cursing and yelling when I told him I still had 10 minutes left.

My understanding is that the two courts designated for tennis will be converted to pickleball courts as well, and I would like to express my deep concern for the injustice happening. The community playing tennis is predominantly Asian and Hispanic who are being bullied by the pickleball community. If the courts are converted, I fear that, like many other places, these underserved communities will continue to be pushed out. Growing up, tennis was what helped me stay on a great path to attend college and become successful, without it, I may never have learned valuable lessons of hard work and discipline.

<https://srcity.org/calendar.aspx?eid=1316>

If you would like to reach out regarding my many encounters with the pickleball community, I would gladly share mine and that of many others who have been attacked.

Thank you,

Quyen Truong, MSEM, ASP

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 11:26 AM Quyen Truong [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

My name is

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Quyen Truong, MSEM, ASP



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Quyên Truong, MSEM, ASP



[REDACTED]

From: James Freund [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:24 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickelball expnasion

James Freund
[REDACTED]

October 25, 2021

To: BOCS committee:

Pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in the U.S. Keeping up with that growth, especially what has been experienced at the Finley courts is practical city planning.

The Finley Pickleball courts have become an important asset in attracting out of town visitors through tournaments and recreational play.

These courts are well attended to the point of overload and a few more temporary courts are needed and could be set up without affecting the usage by the tennis players, which on weekdays is almost non existent.

I hope you will consider a forward thinking decision to enhance our community sports program. Not only for the residents, but also with the added benefit and revenue of the many out of town visitors who would surely come to play at Finley if it was a first rate facility.

James Freund

[REDACTED]

From: Seth Petersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:33 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Tennis Courts

Hi,

I just received word, the two remaining tennis courts may be getting taken over by the pickleball players. We need these courts for tennis, they are heavily used. Please keep them the way they are.

Thanks!
--Seth Petersen
Tennis Player

[REDACTED]

From: Long Phan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:54 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please help to save tennis court

Dear SR City Council,

The tennis court was built for years before the pickle ball just become popular. With the well organized and funded, pickle ball players should build the new court instead of chasing MINORITY tennis players out of the fun healthy sport.

If someone who will chase minority out of the court there is not different of using excessive force to put them out of community.

Why? We all pay tax to build community like the others
I hope the City Council Members will consider this fun sport for all

Sincerely yours,

Long phan

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

[REDACTED]

From: Savannah Do <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:25 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please save tennis court in Finley Park

Good afternoon!

My family and I are living a few houses away from the tennis court. At the moment, pickleballs have been taking over most of the courts there which is not fair for us and our neighbor nearby. We'd like to petition to keep the tennis courts so we can enjoy the sports with friends and family there.

Thank you for looking into this matter!

Best regards,

Savannah Do

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[REDACTED]

From: PETER TRAN [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:36 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FINLEY PICKLEBALL VS TENNIS

8/26/2021

I AM OPPOSED TO DRAWING PICKLEBALL LINES ON TENNIS COURTS AT FINLEY PARK!!!
PICKLEBALL LINES ON TENNIS COURTS ARE A MAJOR DISTRACTION AND CAN ADVERSELY AFFECT TENNIS GAME OR MATCH. THE TENNIS BALL TRAVEL MUCH, MUCH FASTER THAN PICKLEBALL AND DURING CLOSE MATCHES, PLAYERS WANT TO MAKE CORRECT CALLS SO ARGUMENTS WILL NOT OCCUR. FINLEY PARK ONLY HAS 4 COURTS AND ALREADY PICKLE BALL HAS 6 COURTS VS 2 FOR TENNIS. HOWARTH PARK HAS 6 COURTS AND THEY CREATED 4 PICKLEBALL COURTS. GALVIN HAS 12 COURTS AND NONE IS CONVERTED. HOW COME FINLEY WHICH ONLY HAS 4 COURTS HAVE TO GIVE UP ALL TENNIS COURTS FOR PICKLEBALL YET THE OTHER TWO PARKS HAVE PLENTY TO BE CONVERTED FOR PICKLEBALL FOLKS. THIS IS COMPLETELY PICK ON THE TENNIS FOLKS WHO LIVE AROUND THERE AND MAKE THEM TRAVEL FARTHER AWAY FROM THEIR HOMES TO PLAY TENNIS WITHOUT DISTRACTING LINES.

PETER T.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

[REDACTED]

From: thang cao [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:42 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Santa Rosa Finley tennis courts

Dear Board Members,

According to Records of Sonoma county, Santa Rosa Finley tennis courts is one out of 10 Greatest tennis courts with large facility 4 courts. The pickle ball people are trying to take over all 4 courts by trying to paint the permanent lines to the last 2 courts that leaves 0 tennis courts at Finley (they already took 2 courts #3 and #4 and made it to a real pickle ball courts . Please don't let them do it to ours community . They are well funded Club and they should build their own courts for whatever they needed. Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: Sookbinn Choi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:05 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More pickleball court

Sent from my iPhone
We need more pickleball court at Finley desperate!!!

[REDACTED]

From: Ta Dang [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:38 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment; Wesley, Shannon
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Finley Park

Thank you. I agree.

I want to add a note for the meeting tomorrow. I read the Sonoma pickleball webpage, their players do not like to play on "shared courts." It's a lose/lose situation.

Thanks,

Ta Dang

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

From: BOCS Public Comment <BOCS-comment@srcity.org>
Date: 10/25/21 11:09 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Ta Dang [REDACTED] "Wesley, Shannon" <SWesley@srcity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Finley Park

Thank you for your email
We are not opening links in our email due to security reasons.
All email are being printed but we are not opening links to print.
You are able to comment at the meeting on Wednesday night.
Thank you for your understanding

Shelley McClure | Administrative Secretary
Transportation & Public Works Department | 69 Stony Circle | Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Tel (707) 543-3291 | Fax (707) 543-3801 | smcclure@srcity.org



From: Ta Dang [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Wesley, Shannon <SWesley@srcity.org>; BOCS Public Comment <BOCS-comment@srcity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Finley Park

Thank you Shannon. Please share my petition on change.org to the council regarding my support from the community <https://www.change.org/p/sr-city-council-sonoma-pickle-ball-club-intends-to-chase-asian-minority-tennis-players-out-of-finley-park/dashboard>

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

From: "Wesley, Shannon" <SWesley@srcity.org>
Date: 10/19/21 9:32 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Ta Dang [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Finley Park

Dear Ta Dang,

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with the City Council. We appreciate input from our community. All City Council Members have received your email and I have also forwarded it to the appropriate department.

Sincerely,
Shannon Wesley | Senior Administrative Assistant
City Manager's Office | 100 Santa Rosa Avenue | Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Tel. (707) 543-3011 | Fax (707) 543-3030 | swesley@srcity.org



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From: Ta Dang [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:55 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>; BOCS Public Comment <BOCS-comment@srcity.org>; Schwedhelm, Tom <tschwedhelm@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Finley Park

Dear Mayor, City Council and BOCS members,

My name is Ta Dang. My current resident is at [REDACTED] I am Vietnamese American and have lived in Santa Rosa for 40 years.

I want to address my concerns to the city regarding the proposal to convert the remaining 2 tennis courts to a hybrid with pickle ball lines drawn over it. I and many members of my community are against it.

Here are my concerns:

1, Inequity

There are 4 dedicated pickle ball courts vs 2 dedicated tennis courts. Eventually no more dedicated tennis courts on the entire west side of town.

Well funded and well organized pickle ball club has the resources with money and time to influence the city decision, i.e. paying the city to convert the courts a few years ago.

2, Minority people rarely speak up

A small community of Asian tennis players who regularly play at Finley may find the courts undesirable to play. We will eventually need to find another place to play. That causes economic burden considering the lower income level relative to the east side town.

3, Conflicts and animosity

Changing the courts condition will escalate conflicts and animosity between tennis players and pickle ball players. That's not what we want. We need to respect everybody. We feel we got bullied.

4, Not enough representation

Our Asian community is too small. Eventually our players will move to play in another area (concern no. 2.) We will effectively or indirectly get pushed out of the area. We cherish and love where we live on this west side of town. Our children have also grown up here.

5, Entitlement

Pickle ball club knows how to work the system to get what they want at the expense of other under-represented groups. Again they have the money and time.

I enjoy and support ALL outdoors activities. I trust the city of Santa Rosa will consider my concerns and support our small minority group when deciding the Finley tennis/pickle ball courts decision.

Sincerely,

Ta Dang


Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

[REDACTED]

From: Jade Buhman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:51 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley tennis courts striped for Pickle Ball

To whom this may concern,

My name is Jade and I started playing pickleball a year ago. Since I began, the amount of new players has exponentially increased. There is no longer an adequate amount of courts to accommodate all the pickleball lovers out there. I'd love to see the tennis courts at Finley Park lined for pickleball because Finley is where so many new players go to learn the game and continue to hone their skill. Finley has a great reputation for beginner players to come and learn the sport in a fun and friendly environment. Presently, there are several clinics happening weekly for beginners at Finley and they just simply do not have enough room for everyone! Pickleball is said to be the fastest growing sport in the country and I truly believe this is true. So many age groups are able to play this sport from children all the way to the elderly! We need to create more courts to continue encouraging all age groups to stay active and engaged in their community. Lining these courts will provide so many players with the opportunity to make everlasting memories with their families and friends!

Best,
Jade

[REDACTED]

From: Michelle Foster [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:24 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please - cross stripe courts at Finley! 😊

Hello!

I am a new resident and absolutely love living in Sonoma County. I've been warmly welcomed by the pickleball players at Finley Park which has helped me feel I'm part of the community unlike anything else I've experienced.

Without exception, every time I've played at Finley the tennis courts are unused, while people must wait for use of the packed pickleball courts. To make full use of these beautiful facilities, please consider the community's request to cross stripe the tennis courts.

Respectfully,
M. Foster
Pickleball Fanatic
New Sonoma County Resident

[REDACTED]

From: Darla Kirby [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:55 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Hello, please grant the requests of many Sonoma County Pickleballers by cross lining 6 more courts at Finley. We are a growing community wanting to make use of the courts that our city has generously provided. Thank you for your time and consideration, Darla Kirby

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Shane Grevin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:59 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis and Pickleball

Hello all,

Tennis and Pickleball are both great sports/activities, glad that the community is having a productive conversation on how to support both groups. My two cents is that it does not need to be a zero sum game... meaning that you do not have to take from one to support the other. I challenge you all to think through other ways to support the growth of pickleball besides decreasing the joy of the local tennis players.

Thank you,
Shane

[REDACTED]

From: Jane Read [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:50 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More Pickleball courts needed

To whom it may concern

Pickleball is an amazing game but we lack the number of courts needed. I have never been successful at Howarth park as the courts are always full and Finley needs more as pickle is played only when tennis is not bring played. I have gone to RP. But it would be nice to play in my city.

Thank you got your consideration of this request

Sincerely

Janie Read, RN, MSN
[REDACTED]

"The news isn't that fruits and vegetables are good for you. It's that they are so good for you they could save your life." David Bjerklie, TIME Magazine, October 20, 2003

[REDACTED]

From: Chaz Meyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:01 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Additional Pickleball courts.

We are in need of additional pickleball courts at Finley and Galvin.

Chaz Meyer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Peter Shaw <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:32 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis vs Pickleball at Finley Park

To whom it may concern,
Pickleball (PB) is mostly played as doubles and tennis both as singles and doubles. PB takes 1/4 the foot print of tennis and therefore, the space of one tennis court could serve at least 6 times as many citizens playing PB than tennis. There are more PB players in the US and Santa Rosa than tennis players and growing. I would strongly recommend that some of the tennis courts at Findley Park be turned into Pickleball courts.
Thank you for your time.
Dr Peter Shaw, retired and avid PB player

[REDACTED]

From: Carol Ann MacDonald <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:44 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Court Expansion

I would like to voice my support for Pickleball expansion at Finley. Because there are so many Pickleball players and so few dedicated courts, we spend as much, or more, time sitting than playing, so that everyone can have a turn. Please consider cross-lining the tennis courts so that we can use them for Pickleball also.

Thank you,
Carol Ann MacDonald

[REDACTED]

From: Julie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:27 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] May I please get the zoom login information for Pickleball?

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Ta Dang [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:51 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball club decision

Hello BOCS members,

I had issue with my microphone today and was not able to voice my concerns. I am super disappointed at today's decision. However I do appreciate those of you who were fair minded. Now I understand why the inequity issue is forefront in our state and in the U.S. I am losing faith in our city to protect us minority as simple as tennis courts. It's very obvious we are being bullied out of there. There's already ongoing tension. Today's decision will certainly escalate it even more among tennis players and pickleball for the foreseeable future. That's unfortunate.

Sincerely,

Ta Dang

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[REDACTED]

From: Darcy Bering [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:55 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: Rogers, Chris; Rogers, Natalie
Subject: [EXTERNAL] finley tennis courts

Hi BOC,

I am writing to voice my extreme unhappiness with the decision to cross line the two remaining tennis courts at finley. With your decision, you have eliminated the last two public tennis courts on the west side of Santa Rosa. It is basically impossible to play competitive tennis on a cross lined court. Impossible for a seasoned player and absolutely impossible for someone learning to play tennis.

No parameters were set as to how "tennis first" would work. If i show up to play at 10 am and courts 1 and 2 are being used by pickle ball players, will they vacate the courts? Of course they will not and no tennis player will even want to try to use the courts due to the cross lines. Additionally, it is impossible to play tennis next to active pickle ball courts that are in such close proximity.

My biggest disappointment with your decision is that there was NO OUTREACH to the tennis community from the City regarding the proposal. Had the tennis community been aware with enough time, I am sure an email campaign equal to the pickle ball players could have been mounted. I only found out a few days before your meeting from the SRCity Connection email. That is not adequate outreach.

When will this temporary change be re-assessed and with what parameters? No tennis players will use the courts once they are cross lined.

We were recently involved in the Dutch Flohr park re-design and totally appreciated all the meetings and opportunity for input. Our input was listened to and incorporated by the City staff and consultant. No such engagement was offered with the finley courts.

Your decision was made without a staff report and without involvement from the tennis community.

Moving forward, keep in mind that there are a LOT of tennis players who want to play tennis on NON cross lined tennis only courts. Please look into making Howarth Park the pickle ball center as there are lights there for evening use. Please give West Santa Rosa our tennis courts back.

Sincerely

Darcy Bering