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From: Rob Main [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:13 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Additional Pickleball Courts

As a Bennett Valley resident I would like to voice my support for additional pickleball courts. In my mid 50's I switched from tennis to pickleball, and am loving the game and the social aspect of the pickleball community. Since the game is usually played as doubles, the number of people using the courts is tremendous, and thus the expanded community aspect of the game. However, we have seen the sport become so popular in the last few years there is a need for additional courts.

Thank you,

Rob Main
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Cynthia Galbraith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:28 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

I have had the pleasure of playing pickleball in Santa Rosa on several occasions. It's been a wonderful experience but also a lot of waiting as a courts have been very impacted. It'd be great if they could stripe some of the tennis courts so we have more courts to play on when we travel there from Walnut Creek. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Cindy

[REDACTED]

From: Nancy Cartan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:32 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley striping

Please consider temporary striping on the west tennis courts. The pb courts are overcrowded and having temporary nets/lines will help. Yes, some of us are retired but LOTS come on their break, lunch hour, day off, vacation etc. Gogo

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Jim And Nancy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:34 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Striping

Please temporarily stripe the courts. My wife plays daily and most days are crowded. Striping courts that are not in use will help.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Debbie Gordon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:52 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Pickleball Courts

Please take a minute to read this:

[REDACTED]

We desperately need more public pickleball courts!

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Deborah Blackwell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:11 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Please we need more courts. Pickleball is a huge part of my life and community. It's a lifeline to active lifestyle for all ages. It's also great networking and why deny a growing community that's sweeping USA.

Sincerely, Deborah Blackwell
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Deborah Blackwell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:13 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

Also we need cross striping for courts that are there. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 21, 2021, at 9:11 AM, BOCS Public Comment <BOCS-comment@srcity.org> wrote:

We have received your public comment. E-mail public comments received by the deadline will be distributed to the Board of Community Services members and uploaded to the agenda prior to the start of the BOCS meeting for public access.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

From: Gregory Brodsky [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:46 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More pickleball courts

To whom it may concern. As a long time pickleball player at Finley courts the need for more courts is desperately needed. The 2 tennis courts at Finley are not used except for Saturdays so there is no reason not to mark the courts for temporary pickleball.

Sincerely
Beagle Brodsky
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ramona [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:24 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball at Finley

Hello,

I play Finley frequently and very often experience more players than there are courts on which to play. It's been my observation - during the week - that there are more often than not - no tennis players on the tennis courts. If the tennis courts were lined for pickleball, many of us could play rather than stand around and wait for an open pickleball court.

Brookhaven in Sebastopol, for example, has 3 courts and they are all pickleball and tennis lined. It is most convenient and accessible to everyone all the time.

Please consider addressing this matter. We are in need of more courts.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]

From: Sarraf, Johnny [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:56 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Request to Use Even More Tennis Courts for Pickleball at Finley Park

Importance: High

Hello,

I'm writing regarding the request by some pickleball players to have even more of Finley Community Park's tennis courts used for pickleball.

Given that there are now half the tennis courts (two) at Finley as there were several years ago, I think that it's perfectly reasonable that tennis players have the right to play on courts that are designed for tennis, without the very distracting lines used for pickleball.

As it is, there are no other options for tennis players to play on public courts in NW Santa Rosa.

Because pickleball is played on much smaller courts, pickleball players already have many opportunities to play on Finley's courts that were converted from tennis courts to pickleball courts.

Please share my comments with members of the Board of Community Services when considering this matter.

Thank you,

Johnny Sarraf
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: claudia sutton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:38 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Striping of tennis courts at Finley

Good Afternoon,

I am writing you as an avid Pickleball player and resident of Sonoma County. I love playing at Finley but there is frequently a long wait for a court. It would be wonderful if you could stripe the tennis courts, which are rarely used, so that they can be used by both sports. Pickleball is such a wonderful social sport and the demand is growing daily.

Thank you for your consideration,

Claudia Sutton
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Linda Bornstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 4:13 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball!!! Yes!!

Dear BCOS,

I have seen the interest in pickleball exploding in Santa Rosa. We enjoy playing with our friends and family and find it challenging often given the lack of courts to meet the demand. I am in favor of painting the tennis court lines at Finley in order to make them multi-use courts so they can be utilized for Pickleball during the week when tennis players rarely use the courts.

Sincerely,

Linda Bornstein

[REDACTED]

From: Dana McKinney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 5:59 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

I play pickleball, it is wonderful socially and physically. There are so many players these days we frequently have many more players than courts. During the week, it would be fair to use more of the tennis court real estate by marking some of the tennis courts with pickleball lines. There is rarely anyone playing tennis week days.

Thank you for asking for our input.

Dana McKinney

[REDACTED]

From: Rick Hoierman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:03 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Tennis

I am absolutely opposed to converting the tennis courts at Finley to pickleball courts. The city has already stolen 2 tennis courts from the tennis community to give to pickleballers. The city should either build more pickleball courts or build more tennis courts. There is much ill will between the older white pickleballers and the minority tennis players. Is there some racism going on here?

[REDACTED]

From: Darcy Bering [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:31 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Use of tennis courts at Finley

Please keep 2 of the 4 tennis courts at Finley for Tennis.

There are a lot of tennis players, myself and my family included, that want to play tennis, not pickle ball. Please keep the current availability.

Thanks

Darcy Bering

[REDACTED]

From: Barbara Sattler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:17 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley for pickle ball

In order to support a wide range of sports to the fullest, I request that pickleball lines be added to the tennis courts in Finley so that both sports can be played. Thank you.

Barbara Sattler

"The best way to predict the future is to design it."

— Buckminster Fuller

[REDACTED]

From: K & P Bhavsar [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:19 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball lining tennis courts at Finley Park please

[REDACTED]

From: Rene' L Bosen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 4:05 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RESTRIPIING TENNIS

Top of the rainy Oct season to you,
I am missing my Pickle Ball. I've been playing about three years now.
It is the most welcoming & healthy community I have found, since Finley Aquatics.
It's irresponsible not to share the tennis courts during the week, with the long lines of Pickle ball players, at Finley.
Thank you for seeing the need for more space.
Rene' Bosen

[REDACTED]

From: Claudia Haskel [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 8:53 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More pickleball courts please

I currently travel 25 minutes to Cotati to a small not widely known park to play pickleball because Finley and the Rohnert Park courts on Snyder are always full. I would use Finley park, which is 5 minutes from my house, if there were more courts.

Claudia Haskel
[REDACTED]

From: Theresa Della Lana [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 9:06 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Court Expansion Request - PLEASE!!!!

To whom it may concern at the Board of Community Services:

Pickleball court expansion would be really appreciated in our community. On any given morning at Finley and Howarth courts, there are loads of players at the courts and many more waiting on the sidelines for a game to end so they can jump on to play after a game has ended. This rivalry between tennis and pickleball players is for the birds when it comes to who should be given priority over "ownership" of courts. Bottom line is that pickleball courts take up much less space, we can get 4 pickleball courts on one tennis court, blended lines for multi use can be done in an unobstructed way to help offset wait times when there are no tennis players using courts. Evening times are also well utilized and having lights at Howarth is terrific! Finley would definitely benefit with lights too!

Our family has been playing for five years now. My husband and I are in our late 40's, we play with a multitude of different ages and the camaraderie of the sport is what keeps us coming back. We enjoy playing in tournaments and play with a competitive group at Howarth 2-3x a week. The community would really benefit if we could expand to a 12 court facility at minimum so future tournaments could be hosted in our own backyards. The growth is here and it would be great if Santa Rosa could grow with the times.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in our country according to the United States Pickleball Association, the governing body for our sport. "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". Other important facts include:

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%

Thanks for considering the expansion of pickleball court access in Santa Rosa!

Sincerely,

Theresa And David Della Lana
Santa Rosa Pickleball Players

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

[REDACTED]

From: ROBIN THOMAS [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 9:11 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickle ball courts

Please consider my request to add additional pickle ball courts at Finley Park. As this sport has become increasingly popular over the last year, wait times are exceedingly long at all venues. With the opportunity to add pickle ball Court outlines to existing tennis courts would be invaluable to those who have begun to enjoy this game. As health and fitness has always been promoted by the City of Santa Rosa, this is a perfect time to take advantage of the unused tennis courts and at the same time encourage the public to be outside enjoying all that Santa Rosa has to offer.
Thank you fir your consideration

Robin Thomas
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: nydia barone [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 10:55 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Need more pickle ball courts

I play pickleball everyday and hope to see the unused tennis courts at Finley converted to pickleball courts asap. Many times we have to wait quite a while to play on the existing courts.Thanks so much.

*Nydia Barone
MA Literacy*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: James Reeve [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:07 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

In regards to your board meeting about tennis vs pickleball, I'd say the numbers talk. The pickleball court is completely full and has people waiting for courts daily. The tennis courts are empty most days. My 2 cents is to get more pickleball courts.

Thank you
James Reeve

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Nancy Just [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:42 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball, yes!!

Hi,

Have you tried pickleball yet? Try it! Great game and lots of appeal to the masses. Tennis is a tough game for most people to master but pickleball is just so easy to go out and have fun.

Please consider more Pickleball courts.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Carol Schoffer [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 12:00 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] pickle ball courts

Hello

I am a newbie to this ever growing pickleball sport. I would love to see more pickle ball courts. I see the interest growing fast. Please consider this as the growth is hitting all age groups!!

Carol Schoffer

New Pickkeball fanatic !

[REDACTED]

From: Betsy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 12:53 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PICKLEBALL

WE ARE huge fans of PB and we are asking that more courts be placed in the Santa Rosa area. Thank You!!!! Betsy

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Jadeen Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 2:02 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We need more pickleball courts

I just learned to play pickleball and I love how friendly everyone is. Please work to get us more courts as they are always full.

Thank you,
Jadeen

[REDACTED]

From: Karin Kotite [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 2:13 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

I'm writing to encourage you to increase the amount of pickleball courts in sonoma county. I see so many tennis courts available at Galvin when I go to play pickleball at the taped courts we have there. It's only going to become a more popular sport and there will be more of a need for courts at Finley and Howarth Park and throughout sonoma county.
Thank you,
Karin Nystrom

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Michael and Janet Shane [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 2:59 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: pickleball courts in Santa Rosa

Pickleball as a sport for all ages has caught on all over the country. Availability of courts marked to use is sadly lacking in Santa Rosa. The tennis facility at Finley is often empty during the weekdays. If those courts could be marked for pickleball it would relieve the heavy pressure for courts to use for play. The sport benefits physically and mentally for any age group as well as promoting a happy disposition. It has been invaluable to many. Many counties in CA have embraced this need and grew availability to meet the demand allowing small tournaments to become larger and the community thus benefits greatly.

thank you,
Janet Shane

[REDACTED]

From: hoang nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Dzung Huynh; [REDACTED] BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Tennis Courts

10/22/21

From: Anna Hoang
[REDACTED]

Dear Santa Rosa City Counsel and BOCS members,

My name is Anna and I'm a tennis Mom as well as a tennis player. My family has lived in Santa Rosa over 20 years and has been coming to Finley park for tennis over the years. I notice the pickle ball petition for painting over the 2 remaining Finley tennis courts. The pickle ball community already took up 2 of the 4 courts. I'm sure the city counsel aware that the entire west side of community of Santa Rosa only has 2 tennis courts for the residences on the west side community. It is unfair to all residents of west side community to have to deal with the unnecessary pickle balls drawing on the tennis courts. The additional lines are very disturbing, confusing and distracting for all players. Just imagines additional lines are drawn on top of the pickles ball courts...I wonder how would the pickle ball community react to that. The remaining two tennis courts should be left alone for enjoyment of tennis community. Afterall, these are public courts and not private courts for pickle ball players only. My kids and their friends love playing tennis and so it's shameful that they are driven away from the courts. The youth generation should have access to the tennis courts just like the seniors to their pickle ball courts. As I mention earlier, the pickle ball community already took up 2 of 4 the tennis courts. The tennis community already shared 50% of the tennis courts and now the pickle ball community tries to bully their way into all tennis courts. I find this extremely injustice and unfair to all tennis players and all the residences of the west community.

I strongly oppose to the petition of additions pickle balls drawing on the remaining of 2 tennis courts on the west community. These courts should be left alone for the enjoyment of tennis among the youth generation and working adults who seek to play tennis for both distress and socialization!

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

[REDACTED]

From: Rodrigo L [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 5:07 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Park Tennis Courts

Hi,

I do not support the idea of changing the tennis court for pickeballs.

I use the courts frecuently and they in use most the time. Please support pickball by building extra courts.

Rodrigo Lozano

[REDACTED]

From: Lanie Abrams [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 6:07 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball courts

I am 75 years old and have been loving the sport of pickleball for 10 years. I have not played for a year due to injury and looking forward to playing again this December. However, with the growth of the game in just 1 year, I've seen how crowded the courts are now which creates shortened playing time. Therefore, I request the city consider striping the tennis courts at Finley. We can all benefit from multi-use courts. A win-win for all.
Thank you, Lanie Abrams

Sent from Lanie's iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Tricia Hoffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 6:35 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: Kathy Kerst
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item Number 7.1

To the Board of Community Services:

I have been playing Pickleball in Santa Rosa since it was introduced to Sonoma County in 2011. It has made a huge difference in the quality of my life. I'm single, 74 years old, retired and Pickleball has afforded me the opportunity to get exercise, have fun, make a community of wonderful friends, and keep my mind active as well as my body.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and more and more players of all ages have come to appreciate all of the health and well-being benefits that this wonderful sport has to offer.

There are lessons being given at several parks, so players are joining us in throngs every week. We even have many tennis players who have taken up Pickleball either in lieu of or in addition to playing tennis. Courts are becoming overly crowded. Most days there are up to 45 people waiting to play on the six courts at Finley. The tennis courts are hardly used at all except on the weekends by a few regulars who come out to play. During the week, those tennis courts are virtually empty. To put it in perspective: over the period of a week, there are perhaps 20 tennis players (10 on Saturday and 10 on Sunday) and over 260 Pickleball players at Finley weekly who use the courts seven (not just two) days a week!! Supply and demand... we need more Pickleball courts!

I hope that the City of Santa Rosa will consider making more Pickleball courts or, at the very least, creating more multi-use courts for both tennis and Pickleball at Finley.

I had headed up the committee to raise the money for the original four courts at Finley back in 2013. Our Club raised the money to fund this project. I feel sure that we can help the City of Santa Rosa if financing more courts to play on is an issue. Thank you. Signed: Tricia Hoffman

[REDACTED]

From: Sophia Nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 9:15 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley tennis court

My name is Sophia Nguyen. I'm a tennis player living on the west side of Santa Rosa. I strongly oppose to the petition of drawing pickleball courts over the only 2 tennis courts left in the west Santa Rosa area. I want to be able to play tennis without the confusing distracting pickleball lines when I go out to play tennis with my friends and family. There are already 6 pickleball courts at Finley and there are only 2 tennis courts, wait time for tennis is much longer than pickleball.
Sophia

[REDACTED]

From: Henry Nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 10:20 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Park tennis courts

I'm a resident and a tennis player that lives in the West area of Santa Rosa. I object to the drawings of pickleball lines over 2 tennis courts at Finley Park. Pickel ball community already has 6 courts while there are only 2 remaining tennis courts left in the entire Westside area for my friends and me as well as all other residents to play and have good tennis games without disturbing pickleball lines all over the courts. Tennis courts are just as important to all residents of Santa Rosa as pickled balls courts. The pickleball community should be considerate of the tennis community and they should stop bullying the sport of tennis and tennis players in such a manner. I'm a young player and love the tennis sport and want to be able to play tennis with my friends and families for the years to come. I plan to play college tennis as well and prefer to practice my game near my home instead of driving across town which is a waste of time, fuel and increases pollution to the city.

Sincerely,
Henry Nguyen

[REDACTED]

From: Kayla Nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 10:47 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

I'm a resident and a high school tennis player that lives in the West area of Santa Rosa. I oppose the drawings of pickleball lines over 2 tennis courts at Finley Park. Tennis courts are just as important to all residents of Santa Rosa as pickled balls courts. Pickel ball community already has 6 courts while there are only 2 remaining tennis courts left in the entire Westside area. Tennis players as well as all residents and recreational players should have access to tennis courts and play tennis games without disturbing pickleball lines all over the courts. I find it unfair that we can't enjoy the tennis games because of the bullying from pickle ball community.

Sincerely,
Kayla Nguyen

[REDACTED]

From: Eric Hoang [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 11:26 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts at Finley Park

I'm a recreational tennis player in Santa Rosa and I live in the West area of Santa Rosa. Recently I have heard that the city is planning to remove 2 tennis courts at Finley park and replace them with pickleball. I have an understanding that there are currently 6 pickleball courts in the Westside of Santa Rosa while the tennis community has only 2 courts in the whole West side. Removing these courts will directly stop many players from being able to play the sport. This is unfair to the young aspiring athletes! For the current and future athletes the Santa Rosa tennis community will need these courts.

Sincerely, Eric Hoang

[REDACTED]

From: John Klein [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 10:00 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: Dzung K Huynh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Park Tennis Courts

I am writing to protest the petition to paint pickle ball lines on the two remaining dedicated tennis courts at Finley Park. I have had the unfortunate opportunity of trying to play tennis on a court with pickle ball lines and it is practically impossible to do so.

I know pickle ball is very popular now but only more time will tell if it is just a passing fad or here to stay. Meanwhile tennis has a long rich history, spanning hundreds of years played by millions, followed by millions more with amateur and professional matches year-round.

Perhaps when The U.S., France, Australia and England host professional, televised matches, as they do for tennis, should we consider converting all our tennis courts to accommodate pickle ball.

I respectfully, beseechingly, urge you to deny this petition.

Respectfully,

John Klein

[REDACTED]

From: nferrick (null) [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 1:47 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Pickleball/ Letter in support on lining tennis courts at Finley

October 23, 2021

Dear Board of Community Services,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to weigh in on the need to expand pickleball in Santa Rosa. The interest in the sport is exploding all over the country. We have experienced this for a number of years in Santa Rosa, but even more so since Covid restrictions have eased. The boom appears surprisingly democratic, as pickleball gains popularity across the socioeconomic spectrum. Pickleball is growing exponentially and the number of courts available is not adequate to serve our community. Addressing court availability to meet the growing demand of tax paying community members is a critical step forward.

I had never played a sport before I started playing pickleball five years ago when I turned 60 years old. I introduced the sport to my husband, adult children and their friends and we all enjoy playing together. My husband and son even partnered and medaled in a recent tournament in Sacramento. It was an incredible bonding experience for both of them. I don't play in tournaments but pickleball has had a positive impact on my life. It has improved my physical well being, helped reduce my stress level and introduced me to a community of wonderful friends that I spend time with off the courts as well. I currently play 5-6 days a week and enjoy the inclusive nature of pickleball in that we play with families of all ages, young adults and senior citizens. That social acceptance and openness in a sport is rare.

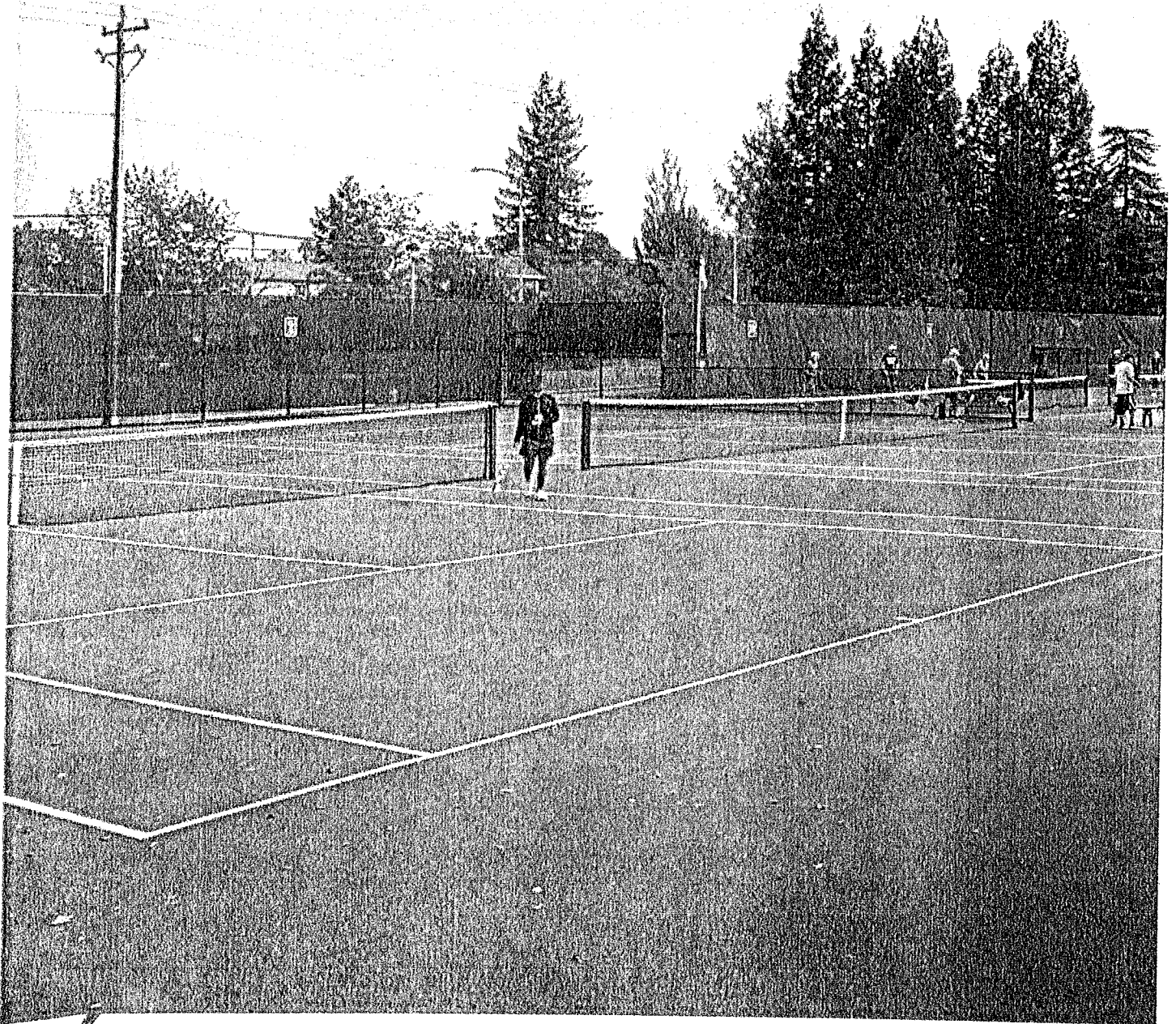
Sports & Fitness Industry Association estimates that 4.2 million Americans play at least once a year. That is comparable to the population of Oregon—and greater than that of 23 other states. Based on posts on our Sonoma County Pickleball Facebook page, more than 30 community members joined our ranks and were introduced to pickleball in the month of October alone. Many of them are attending the twice a week free clinics requested by Rec and Parks and coordinated by long-time dedicated ambassador Kathy Kerst and her husband, Ken. We have also had a growing number of long-time competitive tennis players join our ranks who now either play both sports along with some who have moved exclusively to pickleball.

Schools across the nation are adding pickleball to their physical education curriculums. Recently, a local player and public school educator at a Title 1 school received enough donations to be able to purchase equipment so he can share the joy and benefits of pickleball with his students. We often see

many teenagers and young adults on our courts as well. This interest sets the stage for a vibrant youth movement in years to come.

The sport is growing rapidly in Santa Rosa and the demand for places to play is ever-increasing. City employees who encourage introducing the sport to new players must also address the added stress this puts on the lack of facilities in Santa Rosa. We hope through our letters and the presentations at the upcoming Zoom meeting that you will recognize this community need and work quickly to line more underutilized tennis courts for multi-use play and build more dedicated pickleball courts in Santa Rosa.

Sincerely,
Nancy Ferrick
Santa Rosa resident



A visual example of the underutilized tennis courts and the full courts with PB players waiting their turn to play. Additional players often wait on the other side of the court and by the gate.



Pickleball is a multi-generational sport. My 64 year old husband, Reed Ferrick, and our 28 year old son, Jordan Ferrick, partnered and won bronze at the Kingsley Lee Memorial Tournament in Citrus Heights in October 2021.

[REDACTED]

From: Dzung K Huynh [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 1:47 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: _CityCouncilListPublic; Schwedhelm, Tom
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please save tennis courts as Finley park

Date: October 22, 2021

Name: Dzung Huynh
[REDACTED]

Dear Santa Rosa City Council and BoCS members,

Please reject the petition from Sonoma Pickle Ball club to paint pickle lines over the tennis courts at Finley community park.

The petition poses a threat to the fairness, equity, inclusiveness, and diversity of the community as well as the future of our kids.

Currently, there are 6 pickle ball courts while there are only 2 tennis courts at the park. That means 24 pickle ball players can play at the same time while there only 8 tennis players. This is already unfair and inequity.

Painting pickle ball lines over the 2 tennis courts will result in zero tennis court at Finley park because it is impossible to play a real tennis game on a hybrid court.

Both pickle ball and tennis sports are equally wonderful. Having zero real tennis court at Finley park will push the unfairness and inequity to the extreme. Tennis will be excluded from this park. We will lose the diversity and harmony of this community.

Our kids and families, who live and grow up, playing tennis here will be driven out of this community park. Especially around Finley park community and on the west side of the city, where minority community like Asian and Hispanic residents live, the household income level is lower, but we love tennis. Two tennis courts at Finley park are all we have. Please don't take it from us and our kids.

I sincerely hope the city will do the right thing and reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dzung Huynh

[REDACTED]

From: tim OBrien [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 5:18 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Tennis Courts

Please do not alter the tennis courts at Finley Park. The tennis community values these courts and recommends that you do not alter them. Pickle ball is available there on two courts and at other public facilities.

Thank you.
Tim O'Brien

[REDACTED]

From: JENNIFER RENO [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 11:39 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts

To Those Holding the Fate of the Pickleball Courts in Their Hands,

As a healthcare worker it's been a it's been an extremely challenging time. Couple that with the polarizing political climate and all of the absurdities that accompany that it truly has been a dark period in our lives. The one bright spot that has given me absolute joy during this time has been pickleball!

I was introduced to pickleball just a few months ago and from that day on it has brought great joy to my life. I have met a wealth of new people and terrific new friendships have blossomed from there. In addition, it is something in which my young adult sons are excited to return home for and to join me in a game.

In turn, I have introduced a generous number of others to the game, each one as grateful for the introduction as the next. I play multiple times a week, sometimes twice, both morning and evening. It's a terrific way to get some exercise and stay in shape.

Because the sport has become so popular, we've, unfortunately, often had to wait for a court to open up. Once we do get on a court we also often have to rotate out again so others can have a turn. This truly puts a damper on the exercise aspect of the sport as many of us have time constraints and other aspects of life to get back to and all the waiting and downtime gets in the way. What is really maddening is that often, usually in fact, there is absolutely NO ONE on the tennis courts!

Let's do better than politics. Why does this issue have to be so polarizing as well? There can and should be tolerance and acceptance of both pickleball and tennis. Pickleball has become the most popular and fastest growing sport in the USA. Let's keep up with the growing demand! Please make room for a sport that has so many great benefits and can be a tremendous benefit to the health and well being of an entire community.

I encourage the City of Santa Rosa to line more courts for this terrific sport, which incidentally, grew out of and as a solution to all of the shoulder and tennis elbow issues and injuries associated with tennis.

In addition, I encourage you to line the courts at Howarth Park as four courts are definitely not enough on the east side of town. The condition of the courts at Galvan Park are so poor that they have driven most of the pickleball players on the Bennet Valley side of town to play at Howarth Park as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jennifer Reno
Santa Rosa Resident

[REDACTED]

From: Teri Willow [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 12:21 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] pickleball courts

To Whom It May Concern,

Five months ago I began playing pickleball.

I have made numerous new friends and introduced at least six (6) women to the game. We play 3 to 4 times a week and have such a blast doing so. We have met so many other Santa Rosa residents as we pick up games at Finley.

When my daughter comes home to visit me, we play pickleball together. It is something that can be done between multi-generations.

Often times however, we have to wait for a court because the sport has become so popular. However, there is NO ONE on the tennis courts. I have seen people on the tennis courts possibly 3 times in the last 5 months.

With Pickleball becoming the most popular and fastest growing sport in the USA, I encourage the City of Santa Rosa to line more courts for this fascinating sport.

I also encourage you to line the courts at Howarth Park as four courts are certainly not enough on the east side of town. The condition of the courts at Galvan Park are poor so most people on this side of town play at Howarth.

Let's keep up with the growing demand!
Thank you for your time and consideration.

[REDACTED]

From: Tung Tran [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 12:27 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Cc: tschwelm@srcity.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Utilize additional tennis court space at Finley Community Park for pickleball

Hi Santa Rosa City Counsel and BOCS members

My name is Tim Tran, a tennis player at Finley Community Park for over 10 years. I have seen so many changes at Finley tennis courts in the last few years. We used to have a tennis team named "Finley tennis league", a pride of South West community. Three or four years ago, we lost 2 of 4 tennis court for pickle ball groups and we couldn't be able to hold any tennis match for the county tennis league at Finley anymore. That was our big lost and also we lost the "Finley tennis league" because of that too.

Now we have only 2 tennis court left at Finley for the whole South West tennis lovers. We have to wait and battle for a chance to play here.

Two weeks ago, a lady(I would not disclose her name) introduced herself as a leader of the Santa Rosa pickle ball club and a gentleman, a pickle ball trainer(I would not disclose his name neither) that I have known for long time at Finley tennis court; both approached to me and asked me for my opinion over the utilization of the tennis court to make space for pickle ball players: painting yellow line permanently over tennis courts. I frankly replied to them that it would make very difficult for tennis players to play because of the confusion and distraction. The lady thanks me for my inputs, however, when she turned around, she made a gesture toward the gentleman "Just do it"

Hung To, a trainer and well known pickle ball player at Finley for many years, has thought: 1st, pickle ball groups can convert the tennis court #4, which barely anyone play tennis there because of the yellow line painted, into another 4 pickle ball courts permanently. 2nd, the majority of pickle ball players are retirement and they are more flexible to come to play in different time to avoid overcrowded. Those can compensate for space and time of pickle ball players without expanding over the 2 left tennis courts.

Myself, as a tennis lover, I oppose the idea of painting yellow line permanently over those tennis court. Not only, but also when pickle ball players used temporary tape over tennis court, they pulled down tennis court net so far to meet their pickle ball net height, that damaged the net and we can not adjust the height back for tennis.

I believe that two tennis court should be reserved untouched, without distraction for South West Santa Rosa tennis players.

Just my opinions: if the City Counsel and BOCS members disapproved pickle ball club idea painting permanently yellow lines on tennis courts, there will be no conflict and tension between pickle ball players and tennis players, and also pickle ball club could try to use Hung To ideas; and if the City Counsel and BOCS members approved pickle ball club idea, it may will be a messy conflict and tension between pickle ball players and tennis players which we try to avoid. Further more, a group of tennis players at Finley would also bring the subject of "Asian matter" in this petition. I hope the City Counsel and BOCS members will make a right decision for the benefits of both sides.

Sincerely

Tim Tran

[REDACTED]

From: tin ly [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 1:32 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis association

I'm Tim Ly and live at [REDACTED] I've been playing tennis with friends n family at Finley Park. I oppose to the petition of pickle ball community drawing lines on top of only 2 remaining courts at Finley for the entire West Santa Rosa community. The lines are very confusing n distracting for all tennis players. I find the petition very unfair for all residents of West side.

Sincerely
Tin Ly and family

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

[REDACTED]

From: Quyen Hoang [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:13 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tennis courts.

Hello,

I am writing because I am an avid tennis player and I heard that the city plans to do away with some of the tennis courts at Finley Community center and replace them with pickle ball courts. Please do not do this as we barely have any courts to play in already. If anything, we need more courts not less as the wait for a free tennis court can sometimes take up an hour or longer. I agree that pickle ball players deserve their own courts but not at the expense of tennis players! If this occurs, that means we are left with only 2 tennis courts serving the whole north west community! Hence, please do not do away with our tennis courts by replacing them with pickle ball courts. Thank you for your time.

Mary Hoang

[REDACTED]

From: Ta Dang [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Wesley, Shannon; BOCS Public Comment
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. [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: thang cao [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 6:54 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the petition from Sonoma pickle ball Club to paint pickle lines over the tennis courts at Finley Park.

The tennis courts at finely park has establish itself as a home for many tennis players in Sonoma county. We have created a strong community that continues to play there for over 18+ years. With pickle officially taking over 1 of our 4 courts, it has limited the amount of people that are allowed to play. Now they are trying to converge on converting all of our tennis courts to a hybrid between tennis and pickleball. This has caused a lot of frustration amongst the tennis community as drawling lines on the tennis court will make it very confusing. Drawing lines will also encourage more pickle ball players to come out and occupy our courts leaving no room for the large amounts of tennis players who show up. Tennis courts were created for tennis players to play tennis, not pickle ball. As someone who has been playing tennis at finely park for over 18+ years, I beg of you to reject the pickle ball community's mission of trying to merge our tennis courts.

[REDACTED]

From: Arlene Knudsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:03 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball

I have seen the growth of this sport in the last few years. More and more courts will be needed. Please consider the needs of the seniors trying to keep active and stay healthy.

Arlene Knudsen

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Patrick Nguyen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:50 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Board of Community Services: Finley Community Park Pickleball

Good evening,

I am writing to provide comment for the request to utilize additional tennis court space at Finley Community Park for pickleball. I believe that it is not in the community's interest to expand the pickleball courts further due to the disproportionate effect that it would have on the community's tennis players.

In light of the COVID era, both sports have grown significantly as a safe activity for recreational exercise and the county should preserve the opportunity to play either. However, by creating a dual use court (for both pickleball and tennis), the county will essentially eliminate tennis from the community. While this may sound dramatic, it is actually what has happened since the third tennis court at Finley was converted to a pickleball court.

Originally, of the four courts, only the third court was transformed to a permanent pickleball court and the fourth court next to it was converted to a dual use court. However, in reality, the fourth court turned into a pickleball court also. The reason for this is because there isn't actually sufficient space and no dividing fence between the third and fourth court to support both sports in a safe manner. The nature of each sport naturally causes players to cross into the other court and it is generally unsafe for a pickleball player because of the difference in the speed of the sports. Without a fence to separate, a tennis ball easily flew over and hit unexpected pickleball players. Because of this, tennis players avoided playing in the fourth court. Currently, at Finley, there is only a fence between the second and third court, which is what allows both sports to be able to be played at the same time. If the county allows the second or first court to become a dual use court, it will actually prevent tennis from being played on either court if pickleball is played on one of them.

By creating a dual use court on either the second or first court, the county will also create unnecessary tension between players. Currently, the courts are used on a first come, first serve basis, and the players have developed a certain rapport between each other to ensure that everyone receives a fair amount of playing time; however, no one actually follows the rules to the letter. While both sports are technically individual sports, they are played as a community event, so whoever gets there first, will squat for their playing community. The only way to enforce the rules would be to have either someone manage the court or have conflicts be resolved by police intervention, neither are good options. It is in the county's interest to have clear divides to ensure that players do not abuse their rights to use the courts.

Since two courts have already been converted for pickleball, it would be unfair to tennis players if any other courts are converted. Right now, 16 pickleball players can play at the same time; while only 8 tennis players can play at the same time. Pickleball games are also much shorter than tennis matches, so as a result, significantly more pickle players are served based on the current division than tennis players. Because of the fence between the 2nd and 3rd court, the county should preserve the courts as is to allow both sports to coexist in a safe manner.

Patrick Nguyen
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Phung Truong [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 4:44 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BOCS: Finley Community Park Tennis Courts

Dear Board of Community Services,

I am writing in response to the request to utilize additional tennis court space at Finley Community Park for pickleball. I was born and raised in Santa Rosa, and grew up playing tennis with my father, sisters and our local ethnic minority community at the Finley Community Park. I know firsthand how integral tennis has been and continues to be for our Southeast Asian community in Santa Rosa. It is not only a recreational activity that our families regularly engage in, but it builds a sense of community and shared space between generations and across ethnic groups, and has done so for decades.

While I support pickleball as a sport, I do not believe that utilizing additional tennis court space at Finley will be in the best interests of the community at large. There are so few alternative courts for our tennis community in this area, and we have already lost two of the four available tennis courts at Finley to pickleball users. There's also already some degree of tension and conflict between tennis players and pickleball players, with players vying for court space especially during peak times and peak seasons. Having more courts at Finley for dual use will only cause greater issues, and will provide less options and opportunities for the tennis community to continue playing at Finley.

I believe I speak on behalf of our Southeast Asian tennis community at Finley, and we sincerely hope that you will consider the concerns that are being raised with this proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Phung

Phung Truong
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Beth [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:11 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Courts

Dear Powers-that-Be,

Hopefully you have noticed the growing popularity of Pickleball in Sonoma County. The game promotes an inclusive community of all ages and athletic abilities with little-to-no cost of entry. The veterans teach the newbies and even provide paddles and balls. We need a dedicated place to keep this happening!

I also play tennis as many of us do. I have never had a problem finding a tennis court to play on. When I travel, I almost always find a place to play Pickleball along with the welcoming community that goes with it. We need this in Santa Rosa!

Santa Rosa is the "face" of Sonoma County and Pickleball encompasses our core values of health and community inclusion. Please build us a place to play!

beth plumley

[REDACTED]

From: Disciple RL [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:20 AM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lining tennis courts for pickleball

Hello there!

I'd love to see the tennis courts at Finley Park lined for pickleball because there are so many new players finding the sport and Finley has a great reputation for beginner players to come and learn the sport in a fun and friendly environment. As of now there are several clinics being put on for beginner players at the Finley courts and they just simply do not have enough room for everyone! Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and I truly believe it is heavily overshadowing Tennis in Sonoma County! Lining these courts will provide fun and good memories for so many families and new players finding the sport! Thank you so much!

From: Dropbox <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:08 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reminder: Kathy Kerst shared "20211012_095551.mp4" with you



Hi there,

In case you missed it, Kathy Kerst [REDACTED] shared "20211012_095551.mp4" with you on Dropbox.

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From: Xu Truong [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:19 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BOCS - Finley Community Park Pickleball

Dear Board,

I recently learned of the proposal to utilize additional tennis courts at Finley Park for pickleball. I believe it is important to emphasize the concerns I have with this proposal, which is shared by many others in the Finley tennis community.

We believe that using additional tennis courts for pickleball will be a significant loss for our tennis community at Finley Park. Our kids, families and friends have enjoyed use of the tennis courts for years, and with the initial decision to transition two of the existing courts to pickleball, we started to see less and less availability for the tennis community to use the third and fourth courts. Our kids who take tennis lessons at Finley, our friends and families who engaged in friendly competition there, started to see these opportunities decline at Finley Park as the courts are increasingly being used by pickleball players. We've been forced to find alternative courts further away from our neighborhood and community, or not being able to play altogether. With two of the courts now being used for dual purposes, tennis players at Finley now face wait times of upwards of one hour on a weekend for one of the two tennis courts (not a court being used by pickleball players) to be available for the next in line. If more courts are made available for dual purposes, it would only increase wait times for tennis players or prevent us from being able to play at all.

This change would also cause a substantial safety hazard for both tennis and pickleball players. In addition, the pickleball court lines cause confusion for tennis players.

We are also concerned that advance notice was not provided to the tennis community at Finley. We only were made aware through a rumor, and through our own online search we learned about this proposal. It is unfortunate that the tennis community itself who would be significantly impacted by this change were not more directly notified (such as by posting at the tennis courts).

I regret that I am unable to share my appeal with you in person, and ask that you consider the shared concerns of our Finley tennis community in making your decision.

Regards,
Xu Truong

[REDACTED]

From: Dena White hurst [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:13 PM
To: BOCS Public Comment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Finley Pickleball Courts

Please consider making more pickle ball courts available during the week. There are far more players today than ever before. The tennis courts at Finley sit empty most week day mornings and could be utilized by pickle ball. Another idea would be to create more courts throughout Santa Rosa.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sent from my iPhone