

Public Comments on MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK & TRAIL MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

August 21, 2025

I like to see the path that goes on the backside of hendley circle apartmets on hendley street to be paved and the drugs and alcoholic people leave

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August 22, 2025

Dear Friends at the Board of Parks,

I am a resident of Santa Rosa's South Park neighborhood (since 2007) weighing in on changes to the update of Martin Luther King Jr. park. I request that the limited amount of money available be spent on the park **be used for amenities on the North Side.**

I feel that this will benefit the greatest number of our residents with new features that will uplift and dignify our area. Those youth and families here who benefit from the current soccer field will not lose their opportunity to play, so I see this compromise as a win-win. Whereas, if only the soccer side of the park is redone, it will be an improvement for that portion of the community but will deprive the rest of us of any change after all the time and consideration we gave at those design meetings in the past year or two. The redo of the North Side will still have sports benefits for youth with the new futsal and basketball courts and equipment.

I am also a member of our **South Park Coalition**, the community organization started 4 years ago with a grant from St. Joseph's Health and which we have continued through finding additional support and a fiscal sponsor. At our recent meeting (9 members present), we **unanimously voted for the parks money being spent on the North Side.** We feel this will contribute most to the work we are doing for community cohesion and safety in the South Park neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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