

From: [Nicholas Lawson](#)
To: [ParksAndRec](#)
Subject: Demuth Park Pickleball Expansion
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 3:25:24 PM

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Hello Commissioners,

My name is Nicholas Lawson and I support the expansion of the pickleball courts at Demuth Park. Please support the plan being presented AS IS without any further delay. This is the fastest growing sport in the America and we need more courts to support demand for locals and entice tourism. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Lawson

From: [Aftab Dada](#)
To: [ParksAndRec](#)
Subject: PICKLEBALL COURTS
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:45:34 PM

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I am Aftab Dada, the [REDACTED]. I am writing to respectfully request the Parks & Recreation Commission to approve the proposed expansion of the pickleball courts at DeMuth Park to 24 courts

As a tourism industry and a community for our hospitality workforce this project is important to the future of our recreational offerings in Palm Springs.

It has been widely reported that other cities in the Valley are creating more courts while Palm Springs hasn't expanded the quantity and quality of our courts.

This is an important step forward to ensure that our community and hospitality needs are met here in Palm Springs.

Thank you for your consideration and support for the expansion plan and urge you to approve it as presented by the City staff.

Sincerely,

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From: [Kelly McLean Lewin](#)
To: [ParksAndRec](#)
Subject: Pickleball Expansion Support
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 3:00:26 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-pyj0vrxr.png](#)

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Hello Commissioners:

My name is Kelly McLean and I support the expansion of the pickleball courts at Demuth Park. Please support the plan being presented as is without any further delay. Palm Springs is severely underserved with pickleball courts and for residents and tourists this would be beneficial for our city.

Thanks!

Kelly McLean

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From: [Janis Lippman](#)
To: [ParksAndRec](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 11:39:52 AM

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Please include my support for the proposal as written for the additional Pickleball courts thank you

Janis Lippman (she/her)

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TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
City of Palm Springs, CA
parksandrec@palmspringsca.gov

Dear Commissioners,

As members of the Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Pickleball, we are writing to ask for your support of the Demuth Park Pickleball Expansion Plan when it comes before you on March 25, 2024. It's been a long time in development with a great deal of public input, including three public forums devoted to this topic alone. This proposal also reflects hours of voluntary research from the Ad Hoc Committee. For over a year, we've been working closely with Commissioners Finland and Davis, the design team from Kimley-Horn, city staff and the pickleball community we represent to develop this plan.

In addition to the facilities, there are many other reasons to expand access to the sport. Pickleball has physical & emotional benefits that are unique and should not be underestimated.

1. It is a low-impact sport that is easy to learn and play, making it an ideal choice for people of all ages and abilities. With regular play, individuals can improve their cardiovascular health, strengthen their muscles, improve balance & coordination, and reduce the risk of chronic conditions like heart disease, obesity, and diabetes.
2. It is a social sport that brings people together in a positive and friendly environment. Whether playing with friends or meeting new people, pickleball provides an opportunity to connect with others and build relationships. This sense of community can have a positive impact on mental health, lead to reduced stress levels, and a greater sense of belonging. The social interaction and physical activity involved in pickleball can help individuals feel happier, more relaxed, and more fulfilled.
3. The low cost of equipment needed to play makes it accessible to just about every economic stratum in our community. With very little investment, anyone can play.
4. And finally, pickleball communities support local businesses, such as sports stores and restaurants as well as parks and recreation centers. In those communities where there is a capacity for professional tournaments, these benefits extend to the entire hospitality sector.

Here in Palm Springs, we've built a diverse community of players that's grown to thousands on our public Facebook pages and dozens of private social network groups. These numbers mirror the explosive growth of the sport across the country making pickleball the fastest growing sport year over year with an incredible 223% increase since 2020. Consequently, our current facilities have become woefully inadequate for the demand, and it's only getting worse.

Other municipalities and private HOAs across the valley have made major investments in their pickleball facilities by adding new courts and/or upgrading their infrastructure. And still, the demand is outpacing what is currently available.

Like any plan impacting so many, it is impossible to accommodate every concern, wish or preference. And as we know all too well, misinformation can be weaponized to distract and delay the best laid plans. The plans before you accommodate a wide variety of concerns

raised in public forums and online. We encourage you to rely on the experts hired by the city that have investigated and reported on some of these claims made by well-meaning but misinformed people.

The plan before you will meet the demand our community needs and deserves. It will be a state-of-the-art, public facility that will enhance the neighborhood by reducing wait times, add desert-appropriate landscaping, provide more shade, and create access for the disabled community to take part in America's fastest growing sport.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Palm Springs Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee

Elias Abuaita

Mary Barsaleau

David Feltman

T Santora

From: [T Santora](#)
To: [ParksAndRec](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Mary Barsaleau](#); [David Feltman](#); [Elias Abuaita](#); [T Santora](#); [Michael J. Finland](#); [Rod Davis](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: March 25 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 3:16:08 PM
Attachments: [PS P&R Commission letter-032524.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please share the attached letter with the Commission for tonight's meeting.

Thank you,

T Santora
Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee