

Melissa Sanchez

From: john fitzgerald [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: MESSAGE FOR MEASURE J Commission and the DeMuth Pickleball Facility

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Hello Melissa

I'm writing in the hopes you and the City commissioners will approve the initial \$2,000,000.00 request of Measure J funds to enable construction of the proposed Pickleball facility in DeMuth Park.

I think most people would agree the facility would be beneficial to the community in attracting additional tourist that might be looking at other valley Cities to spend their money and time. The courts would also be an investment in the health and activity levels of the Cities population in general.

The courts should be looked at as a long term investment by the City and could be integrated into the physical education programs of our high schools and intermediate schools building a more inclusive Pickleball environment of young and older players as well as welcoming populations of the City that have not embraced the sport as of yet.

I understand there might need to be compromise in the proposed plan, but we need to keep in mind we live in a hot desert climate requiring the need for shade achieved by structures and the planting of trees native to the desert and low water usage.

I'm hoping you and the City Commissioners will approved the funds request and keep this project moving.

John Fitzgerald
[REDACTED]

Melissa Sanchez

From: jim_don [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:14 AM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: Measure J support

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- 6) Please support the City staff request for \$2M of Measure J funds for this project

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Melissa Sanchez

From: T Santora [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:15 AM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: Message for Measure J Commissioners

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Hello Commissioners,

My name is T Santora. I am a longtime resident of Palm Springs and am writing to you today to encourage your support for the City's request for funding for the Demuth Park pickleball project.

I understand City staff is requesting \$2M to complete the project as envisioned by the Parks & Recreation Commission after months of public input.

The new facility is desperately needed to meet the growing demand of residents and visitors. You may know that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. The courts at Demuth Park have been overwhelmed for years and the huge growth in popularity is only making the situation worse.

The proposed plan will create a health, wellness, & economic benefit to the City.

Climate change requires added investment in shade structures & trees.

Palm Springs is behind the curve! Down valley communities have recognized this potential and have already built and converted large numbers of courts for their tourists & residents. We should and can be the premier destination for visiting pickleball enthusiasts in addition to supporting our own community members.

Please support the City's efforts and request.

Thank you for your consideration.

T Santora
[REDACTED]

Melissa Sanchez

From: Jason R. Corbin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:34 AM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: In support of the spending for the new pickleball court

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To whom it may concern

This letter is in support of the funding that will be needed to complete the new Pickleball courts in Palm Springs. We have been longtime residence of Palm Springs and reside in the Mesa neighborhood. Playing pickleball at least 4 to 5 days a week has become part of our routine and one of the many enjoyments of living in Palm Springs.

Thank you so much for everything that the city does to make it the beautiful place that we call home..

Sincerely

Jason Corbin
[REDACTED]

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Melissa Sanchez

From: Edmund Godinez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 6:30 AM
To: Melissa Sanchez; Edmund Godinez
Subject: Dear Melissa Sanchez.

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Please allow the 2 Million for our much needed pickleball courts. The city is behind compared to adjacent desert cities. Please support the funds for this project.

Alex Godinez
[REDACTED]

From: [Geoff](#)
To: [Melissa Sanchez](#)
Subject: Pickleball Facility Agenda Item Measure J Special Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:05:13 AM

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Dear Ms. Sanchez,

Please share this public comment with the members of the Measure J Commission.

Thank you for your work as Measure J Commissioners. It is truly appreciated.

I am writing in support of the recommendation in the Staff Report for an allocation of \$2 million for the construction of a pickleball facility at DeMuth Park.

I was pleased to read how this project has been moving forward since it was initially approved in concept when I served on the City Council. The inclusion of an ADA accessible court and shade will enhance the facility by making it more inclusive and usable by more people, more of the time.

Although I had not played pickleball when this proposal first came to City Council, I had heard from many residents about how much they enjoyed playing and the physical benefits of this active sport. I also heard how playing pickleball and being part of the pickleball community in Palm Springs had enhanced their lives. Since then I have come to personally understand the benefits of pickleball I had heard about.

When my husband James and I moved to Brighton and Hove, England for 15 months last July, we didn't know people here. We joined a sports league and met a few people playing tennis which is the sport we played in Palm Springs. When one of them encouraged us to join him one evening at the pickleball league, we decided to try it and we were hooked.

Pickleball is a fun and active sport that is easy to learn, great for fitness, and very social. Through pickleball we quickly made a wonderful group of friends who we socialize with outside of when we play pickleball. The pickleball community we have become part of is very inclusive and has truly enhanced our lives.

We are looking forward to returning home to Palm Springs later this year and becoming part of the pickleball community in Palm Springs.

To have a pickleball facility such as the one you are considering funding in Palm Springs will be a great addition to our city and benefit so many of our residents as well as visitors.

Please support the staff recommendation.

Thank you,

Geoff Kors

From: [David Feltman](#)
To: [Melissa Sanchez](#)
Cc: [Kristopher Mooney](#); [Teresa Gallavan](#)
Subject: Communication for Measure J Commissioners
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:20:17 AM

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Greetings Melissa,

Hope all is well with you. Can you transmit this email to the Measure J Commissioners today on an expedited basis. Thank you for your assistance.

David Feltman


Dear Measure J Commissioners,

At the upcoming Measure J Commission meeting, you will consider a request from City staff for an additional allocation for the pickleball project which the Council will be asked to approve and fund shortly.

Since this is a "special" meeting, we are awaiting the posting of the staff report so that we may comment on the specifics of the request.

In the meantime, we are sharing this video which provides more texture for what this project means to Palm Springs residents and tourists.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hLd8H_XcbU

You will see a wide range of individuals from ordinary full and part-time residents to a well-respected member of our law enforcement team, to people across the rainbow of color and sexual identity who will speak to how pickleball builds community in Palm Springs.

You'll see people who have lived here for decades to those who have recently arrived in our community (and the U.S.) who have found pickleball a welcoming place for anyone and everyone who wants to participate.

You can see for yourselves that pickleball in Palm Springs reflects our values of diversity, equity and inclusion. Although community sport may not be thought of that way, when you watch this video you can see how this is an important aspect of what pickleball actually represents in Palm Springs.

Thank you for taking the time to watch.

Best,

David Feltman
on behalf of the Ad-Hoc Pickleball Committee

Melissa Sanchez

From: vito ferrante [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: please support the \$2 million pickleball expansion

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Hello Melissa

I am writing to encourage you to support the \$2 million dollar pickleball expansion vote today.

I am a full time resident of Palm Springs and have noticed that many of the down valley communities are well ahead of us in supporting pickleball.

We have an opportunity to correct that oversight by creating a world class facility here in Palm Springs. I would observe that now is not the time to be pennywise and pound foolish. The expanded facility at the Demuth Park would not only continue to benefit the community from a health perspective but would also be a potential revenue source for the city.

Thank you for your time and for your work.

sincerely,

Vito Ferrante

Sent from my Galaxy

Melissa Sanchez

From: John Baccari [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:07 AM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: Funding for Palm Springs Pickleball Courts

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Good Morning Ms. Sanchez,

Thank you for allowing me to contact you . My name is John Baccari and I'm a resident in Palm Springs who strongly supports the initiative to construct additional pickleball courts in the City. This sport has captured the hearts of people across the nation and most importantly our community here in Palm Springs. I'm asking you to please support the needs of our community and those people who travel to our world class city who prides themselves in tourism to have appropriate facilities that will accommodate the increasing numbers of pickleball players who actively participate in this active lifestyle sport. My hope is that you will share my voice today with the Measure J Commission to move forward and construct the much needed pickleball courts.

Here are a few of my thoughts I'd like you to share if possible:

- 1) please support \$2 m requests from staff to enable construction of this pickleball facility
- 2) the facility will create a health and wellness and economic benefit to the City for residents and tourists
- 3) it includes an ADA compliant court further supporting access for those with disabilities
- 4) investment in shade structures and shade trees is driven by climate change that requires added investment beyond the physical courts
- 5) we are catching up with the rest of the Valley. We are not ahead of the curve. Down valley communities have already built and converted large #s of courts which are available to their tourists and residents
- 6) Please support the City staff request for \$2M of Measure J funds for this project

In closing, thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts with you and thank you in advance for speaking in my behalf and others who share my thoughts and views on this very important project.

Yours,

John Baccari

Melissa Sanchez

From: Max Dirdah-ABM
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 12:29 PM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: New Pickleball Courts at Demuth

Hello fellow commissioner,

My name is Max Dirdah and I serve on the Sustainability Commission. I am also a huge advocate for Pickleball and understand the importance of this project to the residents and tourists alike.

I also have spoken in community meetings, parks and rec commission meetings and my own sustainability meetings about the importance of Shade Structures on top of some of the courts to address the climate change and rising temperatures. I believe having new projects without any shade structures in place in Palm Springs and during these times is lacking some research and consideration.

I urge you to demand a shade structure for the new pickleball courts. Please look at all the new Pickleball courts throughout the country for an example of adding shade structures.

Courts all over Florida, Arizona, Texas, Missouri, almost every state courts have shaded Pickleball courts, and we in Palm Springs where it is 120 degrees in the summer don't have shaded courts in plan! And we haven't even built the courts yet.

I hope you please read my email and take it into consideration.

I after all am a huge supporter of the new pickleball courts.

Thank you,
Max Dirdah

Melissa Sanchez

From: Mary Barsaleau [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Cc: David Feltman
Subject: Support for new Pickleball courts at Demuth

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Hi there,

I am a USA Pickleball Ambassador, a certified instructor for the city of Palm Springs, and a tournament director. I have been running RR events at Demuth since 2017. The Chamber of Commerce for PS has hired me to run an event for them in November. I donate regularly from my events to the PS Animal Shelter, as well as the Boys and Girls Club.

I am on the AD HOC committee, which has been working closely with Yvonne Wise and Kimley Horn to develop an outstanding addition to our current facility.

I would like to encourage you and your staff to:

- Approve and fund the current project, adding 12 more courts to the Demuth facility.
- Support, fund and facilitate the going forward of the current design.
- Realize the value and importance of this addition of courts to our city parks:

1. Open to the public, and with more courts, more availability for all skill levels.
2. Ability to host large tournaments, which will bring tourist dollars to Palm Springs.
3. Offering an ADA approved court for wheelchair athletes, and the ability to offer events for that population.
4. Providing a healthy activity to the senior population, that is safer than tennis and other high impact activities.
5. Catching up to the other cities in the Coachella valley. Palm Desert, La Quinta, Indio, and Rancho Mirage have all expanded their Pickleball facilities in the past two years.

Please take the time to visit the courts early in the morning. Even in the summer months, the 12 courts are full! We need to expand to accommodate the volume of players. In the season, there are often 30-40 players waiting to play!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions or need more information.

Mary Barsaleau
[REDACTED]

Melissa Sanchez

From: Bob Mensel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:59 PM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: Demuth PB Courts

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Dear Ms. Sanchez,

Thank you for your support of pickleball in Palm Springs. I know that the Palm Springs City Council will be looking to approve funding for the expansion at Demuth, and I hope that you and your colleagues will allocate the necessary funds to make this a reality.

I've been playing pickleball for 5 years — since I retired — and it's been a lifesaver! It's not only given me a regular outlet for exercise, but it has brought together so many people in a positive pursuit — something terribly lacking these days! I attended two of the planning meetings for the Demuth expansion, and while I wish the process could all have gone a little faster, I was impressed by the diligence of the committee. As most of the other Coachella Valley cities have already expanded their pickleball facilities, I hope Palm Springs will see the economic, social, and health benefits of completing the Demuth expansion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Bob Mensel

[REDACTED]

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Melissa Sanchez

From: Ron Willison [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:28 PM
To: Melissa Sanchez
Subject: Pickleball courts at Demuth Park

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Dear Measure J Commissioners,

I am Ron Willison with Natural Retreats,

I am writing to request the Measure J Commission to approve the request of City Staff for a \$2M allocation to fund, in part, the new pickleball facility at DeMuth Park.

Here are several important reasons to support this request:

- 1) the facility will create a health and wellness and economic benefit to the City for residents and tourists alike
- 2) It includes an ADA compliant court further supporting access for those with disabilities
- 3) Our guests who come to Palm Springs are looking for first rate recreational facilities and social outlets. Pickleball is an increasingly frequent request from guests wanting to know if Palm Springs has adequate facilities for this sport.
- 4) We are catching up with the rest of the Valley. We are not ahead of the curve. Down valley communities have already built and converted large numbers of courts which are available to their tourists and residents
- 5) Please support the City staff request for \$2M of Measure J funds for this project

Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Willison
Natural Retreats

[REDACTED]


From: [Melissa Sanchez](#)
To: [Kenny Cassady](#)
Subject: RE: Email to Measure J Commissioners
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:43:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)


Thank you for your email. Your comment will be shared with the Measure "J" Commissioners and retained as part of the official record.

Melissa Sanchez | Executive Administrative Assistant | Department of Finance & Treasury



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From: Kenny Cassady [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:39 AM
To: Melissa Sanchez <Melissa.Sanchez@palmspringsca.gov>
Subject: Email to Measure J Commissioners

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Dear Measure J Commissioners,

I am Kenny Cassady, Director of Business Development at ACME House Company, and board member of VRON-PS and VGPS.

I am writing to request the Measure J Commission to approve the request of City Staff for a \$2M allocation to fund, in part, the new pickleball facility at DeMuth Park.

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5) Please support the City staff request for \$2M of Measure J funds for this project

Thank you for your consideration,
Kenny

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]