

City of Capitola Agenda

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Vice Mayor: Ed Bottorff
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Stephanie Harlan
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CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CAPITOLA CITY COUNCIL – 7:00 PM

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All matters listed on the Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council Agenda shall be considered as Public Hearings.

- 1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Council Members Stephanie Harlan, Ed Bottorff, Jacques Bertrand, Michael Termini, and Mayor Dennis Norton
- 2. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Introduction of newly appointed Police Sergeant Marquis Booth.
- 3. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**
- 4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Additional information submitted to the City Council after distribution of the agenda packet.

 - A. 9.A.
DETAILS:
Public communications.
- 5. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

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6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Oral Communications allows time for members of the Public to address the City Council on any item not on the Agenda. Presentations will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Individuals may not speak more than once during Oral Communications. All speakers must address the entire legislative body and will not be permitted to engage in dialogue. All speakers are requested to print their name on the sign-in sheet located at the podium so that their name may be accurately recorded in the minutes. A MAXIMUM of 30 MINUTES is set aside for Oral Communications at this time.

7. CITY COUNCIL / CITY TREASURER / STAFF COMMENTS

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8. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed in the "Consent Calendar" will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Council votes on the action unless members of the public or the City Council request specific items to be discussed for separate review. Items pulled for separate discussion will be considered following General Government.

Note that all Ordinances which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

- A. Receive the February 5, 2015, Regular Planning Commission Meeting Action Minutes.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive Minutes.
- B. Receive the California Public Employees Retirement System Annual Actuarial Valuation Reports as of June 30, 2014.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive the Reports.

9. GENERAL GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC HEARINGS

General Government items are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion of each item listed. The following procedure is followed for each General Government item: 1) Staff explanation; 2) Council questions; 3) Public comment; 4) Council deliberation; 5) Decision.

- A. Consider a citizen request for a Skate Park at Monterey Park.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Conduct a Public Hearing and provide direction on a request of a group of citizens for a Skate Park at Monterey Park.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next Special Budget Study Session of the City Council on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 6:00 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.

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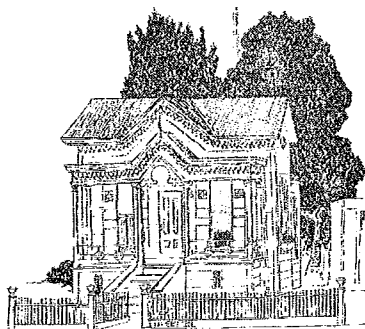
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Capitola City Council

February 7, 2015

Dear Council,

In 2000 I participated in a national campaign to promote organ and tissue donation. It was called the "Millennium Mayorathon". I was given the honor of being one of the Special Teams Mayors. I took the torch from town to town starting in San Francisco and finishing in Solvang. From there it passed to another Special Team's Mayor and so on across the country. At the time this was happening Dennis Norton and I were working at locating a place to put a skate park and how we were going to fund it. I thought that this campaign gave me a wonderful opportunity to see what other cities might be doing toward that same goal. The first real "hit" I got was in Atascadero CA. After the speeches and ceremony I asked the Mayor if they had a skate park or were thinking about one. He said that they had one and would I like to see it? We walked a block and a half from City Hall to an old tennis court which they had converted into a skate park. They had tasked the local High School woodshop students to build ramps and other structures that would challenge the skaters. It wasn't rocket science but it served its purpose and was well received by the community.

The next day we were in Grover Beach CA and the same scenario, but this time the Mayor was over the moon about their skate park. He hollered to the Police Chief to get a car and drive us about 12 blocks from City Hall to a residential neighborhood where they had developed a state of the art park on about 2 residential sized lots. This park had concrete bowls, ramps, rails, and jumps. In many other small towns there were plans to look into parks, but no progress had been made.

6 months later I was called to anchor the last leg of the Mayorathon from Providence RI to Washington DC. There were many towns where the same interest in providing a park was on their radar. In a couple in Connecticut and New Jersey they had built parks from professional to tennis court conversions. All the parks were near downtown or a school and some were in residential neighborhoods.

I hope you see the trend that seems to have been flushed out here. All the parks I visited had sidewalk access and were near homes or businesses. I point that out because the majority of the users of the parks weren't old enough to have a driver's license.

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They had to walk (or skate) to the parks. The location of the proposed park on McGregor Dr. has no sidewalks leading to it. Only a bike lane. I have ridden on that bike lane many times and to say it is scary, is understating the condition. Cars cut the tangent of the turns leading to New Brighton Park all the time and can't see around all the bushes. The same is true for our community; the majority of the users aren't old enough to have a driver's license. They are going to have to walk (or skate) to the park. This is an accident just waiting to happen, and when it does I hope it isn't fatal.

Thanks to the efforts of two young women in the community, you have an opportunity to have built (they have the funds in hand to do so) a skate park which is in a walkable neighborhood, near a school, and near City Hall and the Police Station. I can't for the life of me see anything wrong with this proposal. Noise shouldn't be anything more than soccer, baseball, or the school playground. The hours can be limited to keep noise to the neighborhood to a minimum, and most of the users also realize they have to have some skin in the game and self-discipline the people who would disrupt the norm.

I don't envy your decision. Political pressures can be overwhelming at times, but if you give the proposal a real look I'm sure the safest and best located area is Monterey Park.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter,

Sincerely,

Bruce Arthur

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Matt Arthur [marthur70@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:00 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Fox Sample Sale - triciaproctor@hotmail.com
Subject: Proposed Skateboard Park at Monterey Park
Attachments: Skate Park.docx

Attached is a letter of my below email.

Proposed Skateboard Park at Monterey Park

Capitola City Council,

Over the past few months I've done a fair amount of homework on skate parks. My job as a traveling sales representative in the actions sports industry (Surf, Skate, Wake, Snow and Motocross) takes me to small towns and cities all over northern California. I've made it a point to talk to store owners to get info about their local skate park. The overwhelming majority of small towns and cities have their skate parks located close the center of town or where kids already congregate. The reasoning behind the location was kid's safety. Easy access by skateboard or bike was a primary focus seeing that most of the kids utilizing the parks were going to be under 16 years old and do not yet have a driver's license. These parks are usually located close to schools or city parks that already have easy and safe sidewalk access. Most of these skate parks are enclosed by fencing and hold the same hours as the parks they're built in (dawn to dusk).

We are very fortunate to have two caring local residents who have spent a lot of time coordinating this effort. This proposal of a skate park within Monterey Park makes perfect sense. Noise at any skate park is less than any organized soccer or baseball game. The skate park is fenced and can be locked up during off hours. Parents are thrilled with the fact that it is safe and easy to access. They have the funds secured to build the park. Please take your time to closely review all the facts of this proposal that have been laid out for your review. After your review I'm confident you will find that this is the best as well as safest location for a skateboard park in Capitola. Thank you for your time and consideration to this proposal.

Matt Arthur
44 year Capitola resident
1360 49th Ave
Capitola, CA 95010

February 9, 2015

Capitola City Council
Capitola, CA
citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us

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RE: Citizen Support of Skate Park at Monterey Avenue Park Capitola

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of plans to build a recreational Skate Park at Monterey Avenue Park in Capitola.

My husband and I have lived and worked in this Capitola community since our son was born. He is now 13 and is in his second year at New Brighton Middle School.

One reason we love this area is because of the defined surf and skate culture both of which have numerous positive characteristics and benefits that my family puts great value on.

Monterey Ave. Park is an ideal location for the skate park. It will further foster our strong sense of community, build camaraderie among the kids and families and help keep our children active and healthy in a safe, secure environment.

My family and I thank your serious consideration of this as the very best option.

Sincerely,
Narina Munn Bomango
518 Oak Dr.
Capitola, CA 95010
831-462-3967

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: The Bowmans [dbow-man@pacbell.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:13 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Monterey Skate Park Hearing/Agenda Item

Dear Capitola City Council Members;

Over the last week the situation in our neighborhood has become even worse and more filled with conflict. We have neighbors hating neighbors based on how they stand on this issue. There is vitriol and hate. Parents are literally telling their kids that the people in this house or that house are bad, families who's kids used to play together are feuding.

People are afraid of retaliation. People are afraid to speak.

Our neighborhood can't even handle the *IDEA* of a skate park on Monterey!

With the way folks over react to skaters, the way teenagers over react to old people, what will happen if this becomes a destination for skaters from the wider area? These are valid concerns!

We are coming to the meeting tonight to express concerns but also to listen to the folks who are not satisfied with just the McGregor Skate Park, because we want to see if there is a reason we should step aside for the greater good of the community. Currently it seems the only reason these parents want yet another skatepark at Monterey Park is so they have a place to send their younger kids unsupervised.

That is already the wrong attitude for a skate park! The stewards of the park need to be the families who use the park!

Or are they concerned about the safety of skate parks in general? Do they believe putting it behind our house will make it safer? Then it follows to ask if it will make our house less safe.

Our family will be quite impacted by this since this proposed park will be right behind our back fence and one entrance is right outside our bedroom windows. **We are asking questions and we have valid concerns. Has there been due diligence researching the impact local skateparks have had on the folks who have to live around them? Has it made life better? Has it had a positive effect on property values?**

The McGregor Skate Park is a great idea which reaches out to our mid and south county without diminishing or sacrificing neighborhoods.

We very much appreciate city council member Jacques Bertrand for coming out to our neighborhood last night and talking with our neighbors and us and listening to our concerns! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Douglas & Christine Bowman
714 Orchid Ave
Capitola
831-462-9764
dbow-man@pacbell.net

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Letter sent February 3rd, 2015:

Dear Capitola City Council Members;

We want to let you know about our questions and concerns and why we are currently not in favor of building a skate park at Monterey Park. We are not against a skate park! We are against a skate park in this location. We are enthusiastic about the already approved McGregor Skate Park.

A Monterey Park location is a proposal that carries a **risk of potential detriment** to the quality of life and property values of the neighborhood while benefitting a rather narrow interest group with a large proportion of members who live outside of Capitola.

We believe the issues of quality of life and property values of the neighborhood are important to the stewardship in a great city council and these issues should carry *some* weight equal to a group folks who won't take *YES* for an answer. **These folks are proposing to uglify a large part of an all too rare, open, green space in Capitola, exchanging it for yet more concrete and chain link fencing.** Is the chain link fence to keep people out during the closed hours? Do chain link fences stop teenagers and young adults? If not, should we add razor wire? There are many concerns - traffic, noise, congestion, late night police activity, or not enough police activity. **These are valid concerns.**

We see the council has had to perform considerable research on the building of a skate park, but we are concerned regarding due diligence on **researching the risk of detriment to the neighborhood.** We know one or two tours of the area's skate parks have been accomplished, but has there been enough research on how it has affected the folks who must live around the local skate parks? How has it affected the quality of life? How has it affected property values? What is the experience of the people who have to live at the skate parks? **The McGregor Skate Park is a great idea which reaches out to our mid and south county without diminishing or sacrificing neighborhoods. Quality of life is how Capitola leads other cities, not just locally, but in the nation.**

Not all kids skate. It is not exactly the safest activity. Injuries and hospital bills are ubiquitous with skaters (as we know personally) and plenty of injuries and some deaths happen at skate parks. What do our local emergency professionals - police, fire, ambulance - have to say? As you may know a recent law suit settled for an accident at a BMX bike park in San Jose awarded over one million dollars to the young man paralyzed in the accident. It was ruled that something was done incorrectly by the city in the process of closing the BMX park. The internet is full of lawyers wanting to represent folks injured at skate parks. **A skate park does not serve all kids in the neighborhood and a Monterey Park location brings skating front and center making it even more difficult for parents who would prefer their kids not skate.** This seems like a dangerous park at a time when playgrounds have been reconditioned for safety and liability. Playgrounds are for all kids (and they are far less noisy). There is considerable risk to serve a narrow group and many of the users will not be residents of Capitola; while a Monterey Park location is discounting the needs and thoroughly valid worries and concerns of folks who live around the park. Two skateparks are a waste of resources and double the risk for Capitola. This continued battle is a waste of resources.

We have heard the proponents of a Monterey Park location are not in favor of the McGregor Skate Park because they doubt it would be safe for their younger kids to use on their own. **Does this mean they want a skate park for their young kids to use while not supervised by adults? Is this a good idea - a skate park with unattended younger kids? Or are they concerned about the safety of skate parks in general?** While on the tour of skate parks did the council members notice the drug dealers at Jose Park? How about the Salvadorian and Sureños gang tags at Derby? It is not enough to take a look for an hour or so during the day.

We need to know the experiences of the neighbors who have to live at the skate parks day and night. We know skaters like them but **have the local skate parks improved life for the neighbors and increased**

property values? If so we will happily defer. But these seem like important questions. How can they be left unanswered?

We do not want to prevent skaters from getting a skate park. You can't legally skate in Capitola. That is a problem. We understand this. **People over-react to skaters** and mistakenly think they are by nature bad people, bad kids. And because of this very attitude **people who live around skate parks are a very dangerous choice for stewardship** of a skate park and the skaters who use it. We have kids and neighbors who love to skate. We love kids! **We are not against a skate park! We are against a skate park in this location.**

We thought this was settled. The McGregor skate park was a win/win. The skaters got their park, bigger and better, and we didn't lose any of the neighborhood green space which stayed beautiful, peaceful, and accessible to all.

But this was not enough for some! **Now this issue has reared its ugly head again and become so divisive we have heard venomous, hateful things said by our neighbors against our neighbors living on the same street! It has *already* become detrimental to our neighborhood.**

Please put an end to this. Don't make us go through this anymore! We feel the risk of more detriment to the neighborhood is too high. Please build the McGregor Skate Park as planned and leave Monterey Park green and peaceful for all.

Sincerely,

Douglas & Christine Bowman
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Joe Clarke
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Capitola City Council
420 Capitola Ave,
Capitola, Ca. 95010

Dear City Council members

I am writing this letter today to seek your support in the Skate Park Proposal at Monterey Park. I know you all have the best interest of our City. Even though our city has an older population the kids of Capitola are our future.

I have seen the benefits and success of Skate Parks in Live Oak, Santa Cruz and Scotts Valley. It gives today's youth a positive, clean and safe activity. During development and design they too had opposition and neighbors fearing it would be a nuisance. All the mentioned Skate Parks are thriving today thanks to folks like you doing the right thing.

It is my understanding that a Capitola resident has stepped up with funds to make this project happen. I know the plans for the New City Park on the east end of town are in full swing. That is great project but there are several reasons why the Skate Park should be at Monterey Park. Please take the time to consider our youth's needs.

Thank you for your time

Respectfully,

Joe Clarke

566-3107

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Laura Crosser [lauracrosser@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: McGregor Community Park -- Imagination and Safety

Dear City Council Members,

The McGregor skatepark/pump track/dog park will be an asset to our community and I thank you for your work in having it built for us.

Because of the skatepark already being built, I oppose the building of another skate park at Monterey Park which is near my home.

1. Monterey Park is a scarce and beautiful open, tranquil, green space in Capitola. A skatepark would disrupt the tone of this community space.
2. I am the parent of a skater and so I empathize with parents concerned about safety and safe access. Wherever a park is built, however, it will pose a safety and access issue for some skaters. In terms of safety on site, the multi-use community at the McGregor site may provide some positive witnessing or watching-over effect.
3. With imagination and vision, a trail could connect our community safely to McGregor Park. A foot trail at New Brighton State Park starts near the park entry kiosk and goes across the creek up into the campground. A path stemming from this existing trail could be routed and widened and used by all members of the community to access the park now being built. This would be maybe 60 or 80 yards long? I know this involves state park property, etc but with imagination and will, could relationships be explored?

Thank you for your time and work.



Laura Crosser
226 Junipero Ct.
Capitola, CA
831-476-0893

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Sandra Erickson [serickson06@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 07, 2015 6:29 PM
To: City Council
Cc: editorial@santacruzsentinel.com; Jondi Gumz; Jim Brown; Smith Noel
Subject: Monterey Park and the General Plan

Sadly, I am on the verge of concluding that the majority of you on the Capitola City Council aided by the city manager are moving from unethical to corrupt. I have been polling the members of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and I cannot find a single member who remembers public discussion to change the designation of Monterey Park from a "passive" park to an "active" park. The well-funded proponents of Capitola's **second** skate park in Monterey Park are front and center with those who oppose the plan saying to us essentially "the General Plan was changed and this is what you are going get: skate park, picnic tables and restrooms so you are wasting your time opposing it".

I think you should cancel the public hearing on February 11, or at least not make a decision other than saying **NO** to the skate park in Monterey Park until there can be a full investigation into exactly how and when the designation of the park was changed. This calls into question what else was inserted into the new general plan outside the view of full public disclosure. If you were a member of the GPAC, I hope you come forward with any information you have on this issue.

Several of you must ascribe to the Professor Jonathan Gruber idea that the public is too stupid to make certain decisions and you know what is best. Until proven otherwise, it must be concluded that at least one of you and the city manager colluded to insert the change in the designation of the park from passive to active into the General Plan. You could not take a \$200,000 donation for a second skate park without serving up the peaceful Cliffwood Heights park.

All appearances are that you are in the pocket of the wealthy donor in the 500 block of Riverview Dr. and the other influential families in the same block. If council members can't vote on projects within 500 feet of their homes or businesses, maybe this rule should also include not voting to accept large sums of money from donors within 500 feet of their homes!

Don't change the character of our neighborhood and park.

Sincerely,
Sandy Erickson
117 Cabrillo St/ Cliffwood Heights
Capitola
4753369

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Will Evers [w.evers13@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 5:04 PM
To: City Council
Subject: skate park

We Martha and Willem Evers are opposed to having a skate park near the Capitola school
There is not enough room in this letter to mention them all.

Regards
Martha and Willem Evers
113 Cabrillo st
Capitola

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Al Globus [alglobus@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); City Council; Dennis Norton; Bertrand, Jacques
Subject: Monterey skatepark

As you know, I oppose a second skatepark at Monterey Park because it will be ugly, noisy, and the council already gave the skatepark community 10,000 square feet and a lot of money for infrastructure on McGreggor – which will have a skatepark and could have a great skatepark if the skatepark folks put their minds to it.

WRT Monterey proposed skatepark

Ugly – concrete is ugly. Sorry, no way around it. Also, the outfield fence essential to protecting the kids from baseballs will have to be 10-12 ft high or greater and will have to be very strong as people will climb on it.

Noisy – skateparks make a lot of continuous noise. The serenity of Monterey Park, which is quite nice when there isn't baseball, soccer, or NBMS recess, will be more-or-less destroyed most of the time.

Redundant – those who want this second park, including the donor, could have made McGreggor a great park. It's big. There are no neighbors to bug. Current plans will support skating there, although not as fancy as some might like. McGreggor gives the skatepark folks 90% of what they want. The Monterey Park neighbors are against the park four or five to one (according the last count I heard). Please stick to current plan, at least until it has a chance to work.

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Al Globus [alglobus@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); City Council; Dennis Norton; Bertrand, Jacques
Subject: skatepark, soccer and serenity

The Jade Street soccer field will eventually go away. When it does, there will not be a single field in Capitola for this incredibly popular youth (and adult) sport.

The only other piece of grass in Capitola big enough to have a soccer field is Monterey Park/NBMS.

However, if you put a soccer field on Monterey Park as currently set up, you have a big part of the infield in the soccer field.

If you take down the berm and rotate the soccer field 90 degrees, it looks like there is just enough room for a soccer field that can co-exist with the baseball diamond.

Unless there is a 6,000 sq ft bunch of concrete in the way.

If the skatepark goes into Monterey Park, we'll have two skateboard parks but, eventually, not a single soccer field. We would be the only city in the county, and possibly the only city in the state, to hold that dubious honor. But we'll have two skateparks within a few hundred yards of each other!

It should be noted that coed Excell Soccer Club shut down this spring – for the first time in decades – because the couldn't find enough practice fields.

Before going ahead with a second skatepark, good governance requires that the impact on the others in this community be understood. In particular, the interaction between a second skatepark and the kids who want to play soccer.

Oh, and serenity.

A lot of people in Capitola like to take a walk in an open, quiet setting. Say, Monterey Park as it is today. Put in the skatepark in and the openness is compromised by the outfield fence and there will be a lot of very irritating noise at all sorts of hours.

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Kenneth House [khouse13@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:15 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Monterey Park Skate Park

My name is Ken House and live on 223 Elinor Street in Cliffwood Heights. As a home owner since 1971 I'm opposed to the skate park. It's a gross waste of resources when a new facility is being completed less than a mile away. The loud noise of skateboards and late night visits is a concern. The park is a jewel as it sits. As a Softball player and walker the tranquil setting is a blessing to the neighborhood. As an aging individual we also need places to walk and exercise in a safe car free setting. Please hold off on giving the green light on a redundant project.
Kind regards,

Ken House
223 Elinor St.
Capitola, CA 95010

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Kathi Howard [kathi.hotrod@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:00 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Skate Park

Dear City Council,

I am writing you in favor of the proposed skate park on Monterey Park next to New Brighten Middle School.

When the Elementary school was closed "all" of the play equipment was removed from the neighborhood children.

This proposed element for the park address's a small portion of what the children of "Capitola" should have the pleasure of enjoying. It has close easy access to their homes which they can safely go to and return from.

Thank you,

Kathi Howard

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 10:54 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Goldstein, Jamie (jgoldstein@ci.capitola.ca.us); Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us); Legare, Elise (elegare@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Monterey and Jade St Parks

Council Members - I wanted to provide you with additional information based on several questions that staff understands are circulating in the community regarding Monterey and Jades Street parks.

First, there has been an assertion that the land use designation for Monterey Park was changed in the 2014 General Plan update. This is not the case, the land use designation for the park did not change in the recent update. The land use designation in the 1989 General Plan for Monterey Park was Parks and Open Space; that designation remains unchanged in the 2014 General Plan. The 1989 General Plan calls out potential uses for Monterey Park including: "play fields, swimming pool complex, and park and school use." The 2014 General Plan Update includes a policy which states, "Develop Monterey Park as an active park site which neighborhood-serving recreational facilities and amenities"

There has also been an assertion that the City's Recreation Program is no longer scheduling women's soccer leagues at Jade Street because Recreation is not sure the fields will be available as early as this summer. This is also not the case. The City is currently scheduling youth soccer leagues at Jade Street (Excel, Mid County Youth Soccer, etc). The adult La Liga soccer league has not approached the City to schedule league play this year. Staff believes this may be due to the reduced length of the field at Jade Street coupled with newly available fields in the City of Santa Cruz. There has been no recent policy change by our Recreation Program for uses of the Jade Street soccer field.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Steve

Steven Jesberg
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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Bonnie Klein [bk1904@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:55 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Skate Park

I am a longtime resident of Capitola and want to express my strong opposition to the proposed skate park next to New Brighton middle school.

I understand the value in having a fun, physical activity available to neighborhood kids, but If you're going to build something that will be extremely ugly and horrendously noisy, please build it far away from nearby homes that will be affected by it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Mary Leffel [ltcmay105@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:24 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to skate track in Monterey Park

Council Members

I attended the briefing held by proponents of a skate park in Monterey Park. I learned that on page 73 of the new General Plan Monterey Park was now designated an "active" park making it vulnerable to a skate park, picnic tables, and bathrooms. Who made this decision and when? I live in Cliffwood Heights and to my knowledge, no one in this neighborhood was involved in the decision making process. How did this happen? No decision regarding this skate park should be made until this question is answered. Furthermore, I adamantly oppose a skate park in Monterey Park. I thought the skate park thing was settled when McGregor Park was decided upon!

Mary Leffel
Cliffwood Heights Resident

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: John Martorella [martorella1115@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 2:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Monterey Park

Hello council,

I am writing to express my support for the skate park at Monterey ave. This is the safest and most reliable location that has been proposed and allows for easy access via walking, biking or skating. This location is also easily monitored by public works and/or CPD.

This skatepark proposal will occupy less than 4% of the useable space at Monterey and still allows room for a soccer field, baseball field and open space. Some conditions of approval that may be recommended are hours of operation and planting of additional trees near the fence line.

This project is funded 100% by private donors and would be an excellent addition to the Monterey Park location.

Thank you,
John Martorella

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: The Martorella's [jmarto@pacbell.net]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 12:47 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Tricia Proctor
Subject: Re: A few observations from Agenda Packet (Monterey Skate Park)

Dear Mayor and City Council:

As we head into the home stretch before the public hearing we wanted to share a few observations that have come from the agenda packet posted Friday.

We're hoping by bringing these to the front of the line, we can alleviate a continued re-hashing of information the night of the meeting and have a more meaningful dialog.

First and foremost....Our public hearing is NOT a discussion about McGregor Park. Period. We do not want to involve that project in any way with our proposal. We requested at three different meetings (and at the McGregor design meetings) to please postpone a vote until we were given Agenda time; as that didn't happen and McGregor is underway as a Temporary Park, please keep in mind that this is a separate, permanent proposal and is not connected to that project. Thank you.

Now..onto the observations...

1) The repeated comments and letters from same households: [Bryce 6 Letters; Al Globus 4 Letters; Don Betterly 4 Letters; & The Steingrubes 2 letters], from the neighborhood folks about traffic and increased noise. Monterey Avenue is a major thoroughfare - it is, and will continue to be. Regardless of what amenities are included in Monterey Park, traffic will remain heavy - it is the nature of the street - similar to Capitola Avenue - a large driving artery in our City.

2) Noise - cars, schools, churches (functions there as well), softball, soccer, baseball, football and lacrosse are sports that involve children, bats, balls, sticks and the like. That creates noise. That's what parks are used for - sports - which bring about noise. For many of those opposing, their experience with a skate board is rolling down the street or sidewalk. The street is rougher than the skate park - most of the wheel sound in a skate park will be in-audible - especially being an in-ground vs above ground park. One letter from a published acoustic perception field, sited the noise as being extremely dangerous; yet a study done by a Chief noise Officer noted a skate park is actually less than normal street noise. (skate park decibel reading is 65; a passing truck is 100). Regardless - this falls into my first topic above - traffic and noise are inherent living along a major artery.

3) Green Space. Many folks were concerned about the Green Space/Grassy Knoll; Quiet open area for reflection. Monterey Park is a recreational park - And, as the General Plan was bantered about in some letters, let me point out from the General Plan, Land use Section 13.13 - 'Monterey Park - Develop as an active park with neighborhood serving facilities and amenities.' This is key - because neighbors, which would be served by this development have stated overwhelmingly (by the number of signatures and letters provided) that they want and support this amenity here at Monterey Park. Green Space is defined as a 'piece of land that is underdeveloped and minimally accessible to the public'. Monterey Park does not fit this description. Please keep in mind this park is 4 acres - we are asking 3.52% of this 'space' be set aside for this amenity.

Many people discussed actually, 7 letters from one address (?) the taking of 'their' park. We want to be mindful that in the same way the Creek does not belong to just those along the River, neither does the park that is in the neighborhood. These public spaces belong to all the citizens of Capitola (10,000 and counting).

4) Multiple uses at one space. It seems the letters from concerned citizens worry about sports and the dangers of flying balls, etc with the skate park there. While nice to be concerned, multi use parks are all over and will be solved with a higher fence towards the baseball field and should not be a factor in determining this use.

5). Property Value - homes in the area are already 'compromised' for lack of a better word, simply by being next door to a school, church and park. The amenities in the park will not lower or increase property values as those have already been set.

6) Signatures and location of those who signed. Just wanted to point out that in our supporting petitions, we obtained signatures from immediate neighbors to the park - much of Cliffwood heights and down to the Knolls towards Kennedy/Park area. There were many signatures (24 at last count) from the opposing side that came from Plum Street and 41st Avenue that we believe are not in the 'immediate' area to be effected one way or another by this addition. If we had opened up our petition further beyond the immediate neighborhood, well we certainly could have added multiple pages to our proposal. Also, there are many signatures from folks in the Cliffwood heights neighborhood who signed both the Supporting and Opposing... We're only guessing this means they do not have a strong opinion either way on this project.

7) Element... Yet again. The 'element' which leads to dialog about 'gang activity', graffiti, overall aesthetics of the park. element - these are children who live in the community - to be disrespected and called 'element' or undesirable is just plain rude. Saying that having this park here will cause gang activity as mentioned in one letter, is unfounded. Graffiti - why do they believe the park will be covered in graffiti? Is the baseball diamond a target? We have lots of facilities that don't have graffiti, we'll take the approach to graffiti that the other facilities have used and worked elsewhere. Also mentioned is the loss of beautiful green space and become an eyesore; no one is asking to build an ugly skate park and those who use it also want things that look nice; the 'element' using this park are not against things that look nice. It is almost as though the folks are trying to say the kids using this park are hoodlums who want to trash and make this park a ghetto - absolutely disrespectful of them to imply.

In fact, many of them were thrilled to think this park should be located elsewhere where they don't have to see it - out of sight, out of mind. A few even mentioned they don't want to hear children or see children at the park.

8) Public safety concerns. Our police and fire do an amazing job at enforcement of the safety and laws in our City, There is no reason to believe they cannot continue to protect the citizens using this park any less than they do now. Being in the middle of town, adjacent to the school and churches makes this an easy route to police. (Additionally, the Central Fire Dept Union sent a letter supporting this project as well - in your packet).

9) Professional Courtesy - let us just add that while we have met the criteria asked back in 2012 we have also done a great deal of face to face interaction with the neighbors and community members in sharing our proposal. We have garnered a ton of support; we held a community meeting to answer questions to the neighbors; we have met privately with any neighbors who had questions or concerns. The response, for the most part has been very supportive and overwhelming. Even those who are not super thrilled at the idea of the park acknowledge the need for a safe place for kids to

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skate, recreate and know that when all is said and done their unfounded fears never become reality.

However, there have been some folks who have shown zero professionalism, courtesy or even general manners when speaking with or about us. We have been called terrible names, we have had people yell and try to 'bully' us when we were speaking; we have had people write false statements about us and publish our address in the newspaper; and just today, an email was sent accusing our children of possibly being part of a neighborhood toilet-paper prank (our children were home in bed at 11:00 pm btw). This is absolutely unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated by any means. We hope that you will see this behavior for what it is - a desperate attempt at keeping change from occurring; keeping children from having a safe place to skate and enjoy this activity within their own neighborhood/school area/community at large.

Also brought to our attention last evening was one neighbors' attempt in contacting all the soccer leagues in the area to come protest at our hearing the loss of green space at Monterey Ave Park. Unfortunately, she contacted soccer league directors who also skateboard with the children and 100% support our proposal.

We truly believe this Council will do the right thing for the Community; and not be bullied into voting to make a few residents placated. The community has spoken and that they want this project to happen. We hope that your votes will reflect what the community is asking for.

Thank you

Marie & Tricia



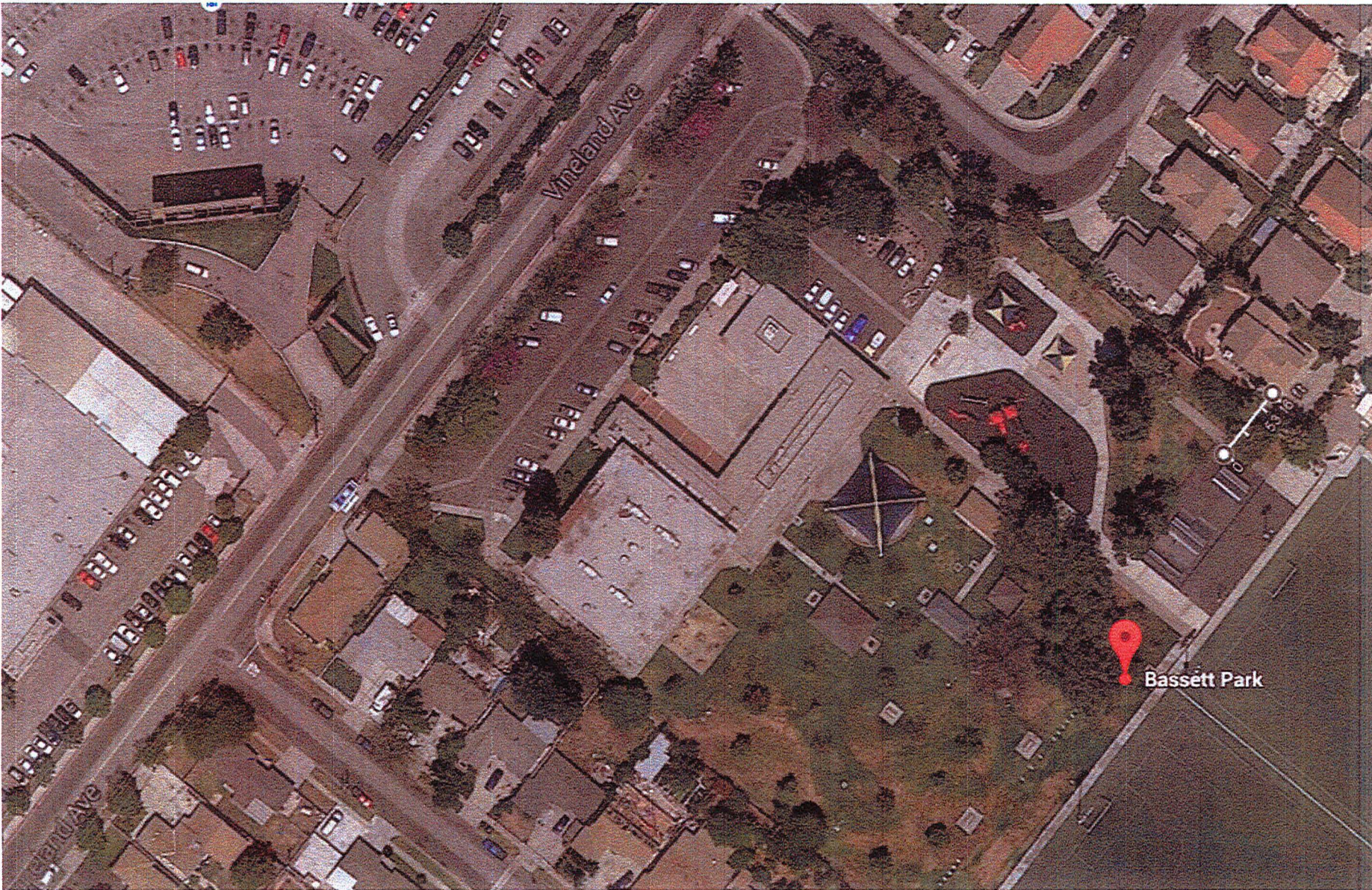




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From: judi@maximumimpactdesign.com
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 8:43 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Please build a Skatepark in Capitola that is Concrete! on Monterey

I've been skateboarding for 40 plus years. I have gone to meetings in Capitola off and on for a few decades. I still drive to San Jose or Scotts Valley to skate. I live in Aptos and grew up around Pleasure Point. A ramp flat land park near the freeway will not be ideal. Please keep the kids safe and in our town. Please build a **real** skatepark in a neighborhood that has sidewalks. I'll be too old to skate by the time they build a concrete park at the rate we are going. Other cities all over the country build parks to attract families and community, it puzzles me why Capitola doesn't want one too.

Thank you,

Judi O

Skater for life!

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From: Phil Mitchell [mitchcruzers@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 8:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Skatepark

We have a super, and long awaited, opportunity to create a great skatepark; especially if we all work together! Mr. Anonymous' \$200,000.00 donation could surely aid the effort. Our skater population would benefit most from one extra fine venue, rather than two within a mile of each other. New Brighton State park welcomes the existing plan, as do neighbors in the Monterrey Avenue area for the already approved and under construction McGregor site. Adult divisiveness is counter productive to what is best for the young folk that will use the park. Mike Mitchell 1855 42nd Ave, Capitola

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Sally Mitchell [sallyggbr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:48 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Second skate park in Capitola

As a homeowner and resident of Capitola for 44 years, I am opposed to the plan to create a skate park in one of the last greenspaces in Capitola and in the midst of a quiet residential neighborhood. With the completion of the Monterey Ave. skate park, that green space will be gone forever, as will the character and tranquility of the adjacent neighborhood.

Furthermore, I do not want my tax dollars going to support the maintenance and supervision of a SECOND skate park in Capitola. One skate park for Capitola is enough! Let's see what kind of use the McGregor park receives and how responsible the skating community is in their use of the park before giving any further consideration to a second skate park.

Sally Mitchell
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Dear City Council,

I am writing to request that the City of Capitola rejects the proposal to build a 2nd Skate Park at the Monterey Park location. The multi-use park that is already under construction at McGregor Park has already begun. I am confused why we are even considering a 2nd skate park so close to that location? A number of months back before voting for the City Council Members was complete I had an opportunity to speak with Jacques Bertrand and Michael Termini. When asked, both assured me that the plans to build a skate park in Monterey Park were no longer on the table. I understand that there is private funding for this proposal, but that does not seem to be a fair reason for building something on public land that the community is not in favor of.

My home backs up to Monterey Park, I can see and hear the baseball diamond from my kitchen. I think it is great that we have this park for kids to play soccer, baseball, football etc. but I do not feel that it is a good location for a skate park. I am excited for the creation of McGregor park and plan to use it regularly. I think a skate park in the middle of our residential neighborhood would be noisy and would not be a good mix for the current uses of the park.

I would push to keep the skate park at McGregor, and if a second location is needed, years down the road, we should investigate locating it in the middle of the vacant concrete parking lot behind the police department. That location would be easy to skate to, it is al concrete already, and close to emergency services, which we all know will be a need for a skate park.

Sincerely,



Kailash Mozumder
227 Junipero Court
Capitola, CA 95010

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Dear Capitola City Council:

I am a long time resident of Capitola and have enjoyed Monterey Park for many years. I do not want to see a skate park there. It will be unsightly and quite noisy. I understand that the city has granted 10,000 sq ft for a skatepark only a few hundred yards away and provided infrastructure. I'm sure an excellent skate park can be built there should the skateboard proponent choose.

Please keep Monterey Park as it is.

Sincerely,

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February 10, 2015

City Council
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Ave.
Capitola, CA 95010

**RE: COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF SKATE PARK AT MONTEREY PARK
FEBRUARY 11, 2015 PUBLIC HEARING**

Dear City Council:

I am a resident of Capitola and live a few blocks from Monterey Park and New Brighton Middle School. I expect my two children, ages seven and nine, will attend New Brighton Middle School in a few years.

I strongly support the proposed Skate Park at Monterey Park. I believe that is an ideal location for a Skate Park, and the Skate Park will greatly benefit and enhance the neighborhood, and the entire community.

I believe the Monterey Park site is a significantly better location than the McGregor site, for a number of reasons, including public safety, accessibility, transportation and cost. As a resident of the Cliffwood Heights neighborhood, I also believe any concerns regarding the Monterey Park location are unfounded and exaggerated, and do not reflect the views of the vast majority of residents of this neighborhood, and the community.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely



Colin L. Pearce

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: tcpiu@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 1:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Skateboard Park on Monterey Avenue

To the City Council of Capitola

My name is Tim Piumarta, and my wife and I have raised our 3 daughters while living in Capitola.

All three went through the old Cap E, then NBMS and then on to Soquel High.

My wife was president of the Capitola Elementary Home and School club several times, and I was a site council president for a year.

For so many years, we dedicated ourselves to Capitola, the local school and in particular, the youth of the area.

I just turned 56 years old, and I have been a skateboard rider for since I was 10. 2 of my 3 daughters also enjoy riding a skateboard.

When they were young, I would have loved to take them to the community park on Monterey Ave.

How fun and convenient it would have been to have a centrally located skateboard facility, in such a beautiful location,

for the 3 of us to engage in a vigorous, aerobic and healthy activity...

and that is how I consider skateboarding - an enormously healthy sport.

When I learned of the possibility of a skateboard "park" within the confines of Monterey Park,

I was so pleased that Capitola would consider shaking off the old misconceptions of skateboarding,

and begin the process of embracing the enlightened idea that gliding up and down a concrete slope,

using every muscle and coordination skill and sensory awareness, is a fun and healthy activity!

I also know from seeing other communities across the United States, that a skateboard "park within the Park"

brings parents and kids together, just as much as parents coming out to watch their kids surf at Capitola jetty,

or watch their kids at Junior Lifeguards, or to watch them play soccer or softball, or little league,

or volleyball in the gym at NBMS. Note that surfing, junior lifeguards, soccer, softball, little league, indoor volleyball

are all considered "acceptable" sports by most in the community....

However, it would appear that there are some in our community who cannot shake off the misconception

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that skateboard riding is somehow “bad”, or contains a “bad element”. How sorry I am for those who cannot see the benefits of partaking in the physical exercise of gliding around a skateboard park, engaging the muscles, increasing heart rates, breathing fresh air and for goodness sake, being OUTDOORS! In an era of human development where parents struggle to get their kids away from the digital toys, game consoles, TV, computers or texting on their phones, I simply cannot support a minority who can't see the obvious threat to the health of children that this digital world presents. Children need to spend more time outdoors exercising and playing and having “real fun” versus “virtual fun”!

Some children have the skill sets to excel at throwing a ball or catching a ball, or kicking a ball. Unfortunately, my girls were not so fortunate to have those talents, but they seemed to have been born with the balance, coordination and confidence to step on a skateboard and grow and excel. If I could be there in person, I would ask every one of you on the Council, why should my girls be blocked from participating in an activity they are good at, in a central and safe location, simply because a few residents make the choice to ignore the obvious mental and physical health benefits which can come from playing on a skateboard in a park?

And that is why I would support a City Council decision to permit a skateboard park within the Monterey Park. Getting children out playing, exercising and having fun is a part of a healthy community, a safe community. I urge the City Council to support this park.

Respectfully submitted
Tim and Tami Piumarta

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Tricia Proctor [t.proctor@nhs-inc.com]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 2:09 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net)
Subject: Skate Park Support Letter

Hello Council, I've attached a letter from the Superintendent of Ojai School District. His district office along with the school are next to a skate park. Just more information for you all.

Thank you,

Ojai Skate Park

Dear City Council, Letter from Ojai Superintendent who has a skate park right next to their district office and school. Please feel free to contact their City Managers if you have further questions.

Thank you,

Tricia and Marie

From: Hank Bangser <HBangser@OJAIUSD.ORG>
Date: February 5, 2015 at 10:29:57 AM PST
To: "The Martorella's" <jmarto@pacbell.net>
Subject: RE: Capitola Skate Park

Marie,

I apologize for my tardiness here. Yesterday was filled with follow ups from the Board Meeting the night before. Here is my view of the confluence among the skate park, the City and the District.

Hank

The new skate park is now more than three years old and rests at the Far East end of the District Office property. The land is owned by the District but the park is operated by the City. Overall, I would reflect very positively on this coordinated effort, which was spearheaded by a group of committed residents who raised more than half the funds that were needed to build the new park. As far as the District is concerned, the facility has been a non-issue and certainly has not been a problem. As for the City, I believe, although I do not know, that other than additional police staffing that has been needed to supervise a major addition to the City's recreational options, the park has been a success. I encourage you to speak with City Manager Rob Clark or Deputy City Manager Steve McClary for their impressions.

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From: Marla Sanders [marlaann@pacbell.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:55 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No on Monterey Ave. Skate Park

The City of Capitola has designated over 4 acres to be used as a park for the residents of Capitola on the McGregor property. This includes a Skate Park. Capitola doesn't need two skate parks within walking distance from each other and we shouldn't over extend the current use of the Monterey Ave Park. On a recent Saturday that a neighborhood meeting was setup in the park one woman was hit with a baseball and the parking was at it's capacity. Safety should be a concern for everyone. By developing the McGregor property from an empty lot to a park increases the safety of the area and concerns like sidewalks should be addressed.

Thank you - Marla Sanders
231 Junipero Ct.,
Capitola, CA 95010

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February 7, 2015

Capitola City Council Members:

I understand that there is another attempt being made to locate a skate park in Monterey Park. It was a bad idea two years ago and it is still a VERY bad idea. Since there is already another skate park underway in McGregor Park, it certainly is totally unnecessary. The fact that it is desired in a quiet residential area by those NOT living there is an important factor to consider.

Obviously, having had my home vandalized several years ago, I am not eager to have even more young people hanging around during night time hours. My back fence separates me from the park.

I do believe that a skate park will greatly increase traffic on Monterey Avenue – it is already heavy. Parking would be another problem on Monterey Ave., Junipero Ct. and Orchid Ave. I am sure it will decrease property values. It could also increase our taxes to pay for the extras that will be needed for the convenience of those using a skate park.

I do plan to attend the next City Council meeting. I DO NOT WANT ANOTHER SKATE PARK IN MY BACKYARD!!!!

Sincerely,



Gloria Settle
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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Sheri Siegfried [sherimsiegfried@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:47 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net); Tricia Proctor
Subject: Proposed Skate Park at the Monterey Park Location

Dear Members of the Capitola City Council:

I am a resident of Capitola. I would like to voice my support for the proposed privately funded skate park in the City owned Monterey Park that will target children and young teens.

Monterey Park is an ideal location as it is adjacent to the New Brighton Middle School. More importantly it's in a neighborhood with sidewalks and people walking around during the skate parks hours of operation. It's much safer than remote location with an entrance on a highway frontage road without sidewalks, not to mention God knows who could be lurking around the abandoned railroad tracks on the back side of the property.

Designated green space is open space not to be developed. Parks are parks. It is my belief that parks are for children to play in and families to enjoy. The in-ground skate park will assume a very small part of a very large public park (4% of a 4 acre area).

It's for the children.

Kind regards,

Sheri

Sheri Siegfried

206 Grand Avenue

Capitola, CA 95010

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: FW: No on Skate Park on Monterey Ave

From: Lisa Steingrube [mailto:lisasteingrube@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 8:49 AM
To: Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Fwd: No on Skate Park on Monterey Ave

Lisa

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From: "Lisa Steingrube" <lisasteingrube@gmail.com>
Date: Feb 3, 2015 6:14 PM
Subject: No on Skate Park on Monterey Ave
To: "Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)" <ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us>, "michael termini" <michael@triadelectric.com>, <ebottorff167@yahoo.com>, <sharlan@ci.capitola.us>, "Jesberg, Steve" <sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Cc:

To: Capitola City Council Members

I am against the Monterey Avenue Skate Park.

We need to address the following issues on Monterey Ave BEFORE we add any new activities.

We have the right to preserve the character of our residential area, Cliffwood Heights.

1. DO NOT ALLOW commercial vehicles on Monterey Ave.
2. Develop guidelines for vehicular noise maximums.
3. Re-route New Brighton Middle School traffic to the new Parking lot off Bay Avenue.
4. Implement a ticketing speeding camera on both sides of the street.
5. Put in a public bathroom at Monterey Park.

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6. Finish the Skate Park on McGregor Drive with connecting sidewalks.

It is a shame that the new parking lot off Bay Avenue is not used for a simple, skate park for the Jr High Students. It is close to the school.

Please note: The City Council did not approve the Monterey Skate Park 2 1/2 years ago.

Again, before we add another use to Monterey Avenue, we need to fix the existing problems.

Regards,

Cheryl E. Devlin

519 Monterey Avenue

Capitola, CA 95010

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Lisa

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Stephanie Tetter [stephanie.tetter@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 9:03 AM
To: City Council
Subject: skatepark

So happy to see the skatepark at McGregor moving along! Thanks for helping make that happen.

The proposal to put another skatepark at Monterey Avenue seems redundant, wasteful, and not needed. In addition, the noise and destruction of one of the few peaceful open spaces in the city seems ill-advised. Appreciate that you have to have this brought up again, as Dennis and Ed explained at a neighborhood meeting on Monterey Avenue, but strongly oppose this and want you to be aware of the opposition to this idea.

Thanks for all you do.

Stephanie Tetter
222 Junipero court

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: JoAnn Theilen [surfngal@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:03 PM
To: City Council
Cc: surfn@charter.net
Subject: FW: Capitola Skate Park

Dear Council,

I am forwarding this email thread to you so that it can be included with the other opposition letters regarding yet another proposal of a skate park on Monterey Avenue that is being heard at the Council meeting tomorrow night.

Please see below.

Thank you,

Glen & JoAnn Theilen
821 Monterey Ave.

From: JoAnn Theilen [mailto:surfngal@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:45 AM
To: 'michael termini'
Cc: surfn@charter.net
Subject: RE: Capitola Skate Park

Hi Mike,

Thank you so much for your email below. I really appreciate it and I am sorry that I haven't replied until now.

I understand that the Council has agreed to yet again hear another proposal from the same group about building a 6,000 sq. ft. skate park on Monterey Avenue. The sentiments in my original email (at the bottom of this thread) to the Council back in January of 2012 are the same. I am perplexed as to why the Council is again entertaining such a proposal knowing that the neighborhood has not changed its collective mind. I fail to understand why these same individuals are not happy with the park being built on McGregor which, in my opinion, is a win-win for all involved.

I am hoping that you will stand behind your words in your email below as the neighborhood definitely does NOT want a skate park at Monterey Avenue park. My husband and I have spoken with several neighbors and none of them have changed their minds on their original stance. On a personal note, we use the park frequently to walk our dog and enjoy the peacefulness and green space of the park and are unhappy about potentially losing this peaceful space because of the single-minded individuals who do not care about the original purpose of this park or the surrounding neighbors.

My husband recently spoke with you over the phone. He brought up the fact that Monterey Ave. has become a thoroughfare to/from the Village and having a skate park on this street will only increase the issue we already have with traffic and parking. Our quiet neighborhood is quickly becoming a neighborhood on a secondary freeway due to the above along with the added bonus of two busy churches and a very busy school.

To the entire Council: Please hear the neighbors and vote NO once and for all on a skate part at Monterey Avenue.

Thank you,

JoAnn Theilen

821 Monterey Ave.
Capitola, CA 95010
831-419-1570

From: michael termini [mailto:michael@triadelectric.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 10:30 AM
To: 'JoAnn Nielsen'
Subject: RE: Capitola Skate Park

JoAnn,

I am reaching out to you because I have had some disturbing reports this weekend.

There is a group still trying to locate a skate park on Monterey. Not surprising but, in this instance they are using my name as a supporter.

Half-truths.

My message to them was this "until I see unanimous support for a skate park at Monterey I will not support the proposal"

I told this same small group the same thing when they wanted us to put the park behind city hall in the parking lot.

When they talked to the neighbors they received a resounding no. hence it was never brought forward.

I fear they are using different tactics now and will only bring us the names of residents who agree with them and not a complete survey.

My willingness to listen to this proposal was dependent on complete neighborhood agreement.

Please pass the word that this effort is underway. And, I am not the least bit happy about the way it is proceeding. We have found a location for a skate park and I am willing to have it proceed as planned. The location is McGregor park on the frontage road. sincerely

Mike t

Michael Termini, CEO
Main 831-462-1085
Cell 831-476-6206



From: JoAnn Nielsen [mailto:surfngal@charter.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2012 7:29 AM
To: citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us
Subject: Capitola Skate Park

Dear Council,

I have been at the meetings this week regarding the proposed skate park. I was very happy to hear that Council Member Harlan and Council Member Storey oppose the park. They seem to be the only two council members that are actually listening to the neighbors. It seems that our concerns are not being heard or acknowledged by the rest of the council. We are the ones who will be left with the consequences long after these skateboarders grow up and move away. We are the ones who potentially could lose property value due to this "feature" of Monterey Park. McGregor seems to be the ideal location with the least impact on a neighborhood. It is also only .25 to .50 miles away. If the skaters and parents think this is too far away and can't walk, drive, or skate to that location, then they are just being lazy.

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Did you notice that the majority of people supporting this skate park don't even live in Capitola? I thought the original intent was a small skatepark for neighborhood kids (small children) – not one focused on the older kids. I am baffled as to why there was a large representation of older kids (high school age plus) that attended the meeting last night when this park is intended for SMALL children.

Doesn't that send a signal to you that whatever is built will be used by the older kids too? Wasn't one of the issues and concerns of even the supporters of the park being the mix of older and younger kids at the same location??

As a homeowner and tax payer, I would really appreciate you listening to the neighbors who will be forever impacted by this decision and not allowing this skate park on Monterey Avenue. The issue here is location, not that we don't want a skate park for all to enjoy. Please keep this in mind as you are looking at the redesigned park (6000 sq. ft. OR LESS). The bottom line is the neighborhood does not want it in our backyard (NIMBY) for many reasons: increased traffic (foot and auto), increased noise, impact on the school, loss of green space, cost of maintenance and extra law enforcement, etc. If you would take yourselves out of the skaters' shoes for just a moment and put yourselves in our shoes, I'm sure you would then understand our position.

Thank you,

JoAnn Nielsen
821 Monterey Ave.

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Liz Toshikian [ltoshikian@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Re: Skatepark support maps

no, red is for the skatepark and green were not sure and Jacques' house and black is against the park. This is based off of the signature forms you received in support.

On Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:53 AM, "Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)" <ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us> wrote:

Thank you for your comments regarding this February 11, 2015, Capitola City Council meeting item. I will add your comments to additional material for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sneddon, City Clerk
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010
Phone: 831-475-7300
Fax: 831-479-8879

From: Liz Toshikian [mailto:ltoshikian@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:43 AM
To: Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); City Council
Cc: Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net); Tricia Proctor; Scott Harway; Julie Pearlman; Zane Walbridge; Antoinette Costa; Mark Conley; Nicole Conley; Christy Hadland; Katie Shank; Christy Hadland; elsantee@hotmail.com; Anapaula Spindola
Subject: Re: Skatepark support maps

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Thank you,
Liz

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Michael Termini, CEO
Main 831-462-1085
Cell 831-476-6206

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From: Liz Toshikian [mailto:ltoshikian@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:18 AM

To: City Council

Cc: The Martorella's; Tricia Proctor; Scott Harway; Julie Pearlman; Zane Walbridge; Antoinette Costa; Mark Conley; Nicole Conley; Katie Shank; Christy Hadland; Christy Hadland; elsantee@hotmail.com; Anapaula Spindola

Subject: Skatepark support maps

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

This email is to show the support of Cliffwood Height residents for the skatepark on Monterey Avenue. The attachments below are maps of the signatures garnered during our three month (October through December) canvassing of Cliffwood Heights.

Myself and Scott Harway collected over 100 signatures of our neighbors. We also had the support of these families in collecting the remaining 111 signatures all of whom are residents of Cliffwood Heights: Walbridge, Pearlman, Santee, Conley, Hadland, Shank, and Costa. These families worked hard at trying to reach as many neighbors as they could and still many were not talked to. They passed out flyers, networked around the neighborhood, and walked door to door talking to people. From those interactions we received 209 residents in support of a skatepark. These people were under the impression their signature was just as valued as an email, posted letter, or their presence at a meeting.

On a personal note I would like you to know that many of my neighbors also want picnic benches, bathrooms, and a kids play structure at the location. Monterey Park is an important element to our community we want to see it used and valued. I understand the position of those living closest to the park they don't want people playing there, or improvements, they want a quiet natural space. The problem I see is that they bought their homes in a neighborhood across the street from a school (1952), next to a church (1973), and on the main road for the neighborhood. I don't think the majority of the community's wants should be negated over the few closest to the location. Our kids deserve this wonderful gift and we in Cliffwood Heights want it and more necessary improvements of our parks.

Please print out or view the maps below. Missing map for Balboa but the signatures on in the packet you all received.

Map Key

Red = support

Black = no support

White = not spoken to

Thank you,

Liz Toshikian Ettinger
145 Magellan St.

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: The Martorella's [jmarto@pacbell.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Liz Toshikian; Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); City Council
Cc: Tricia Proctor; Scott Harway; Julie Pearlman; Zane Walbridge; Antoinette Costa; Mark Conley; Nicole Conley; Christy Hadland; Katie Shank; Christy Hadland; elsantee@hotmail.com; Anapaula Spindola
Subject: Re: Skatepark support maps

Just remember....RED MEANS YES

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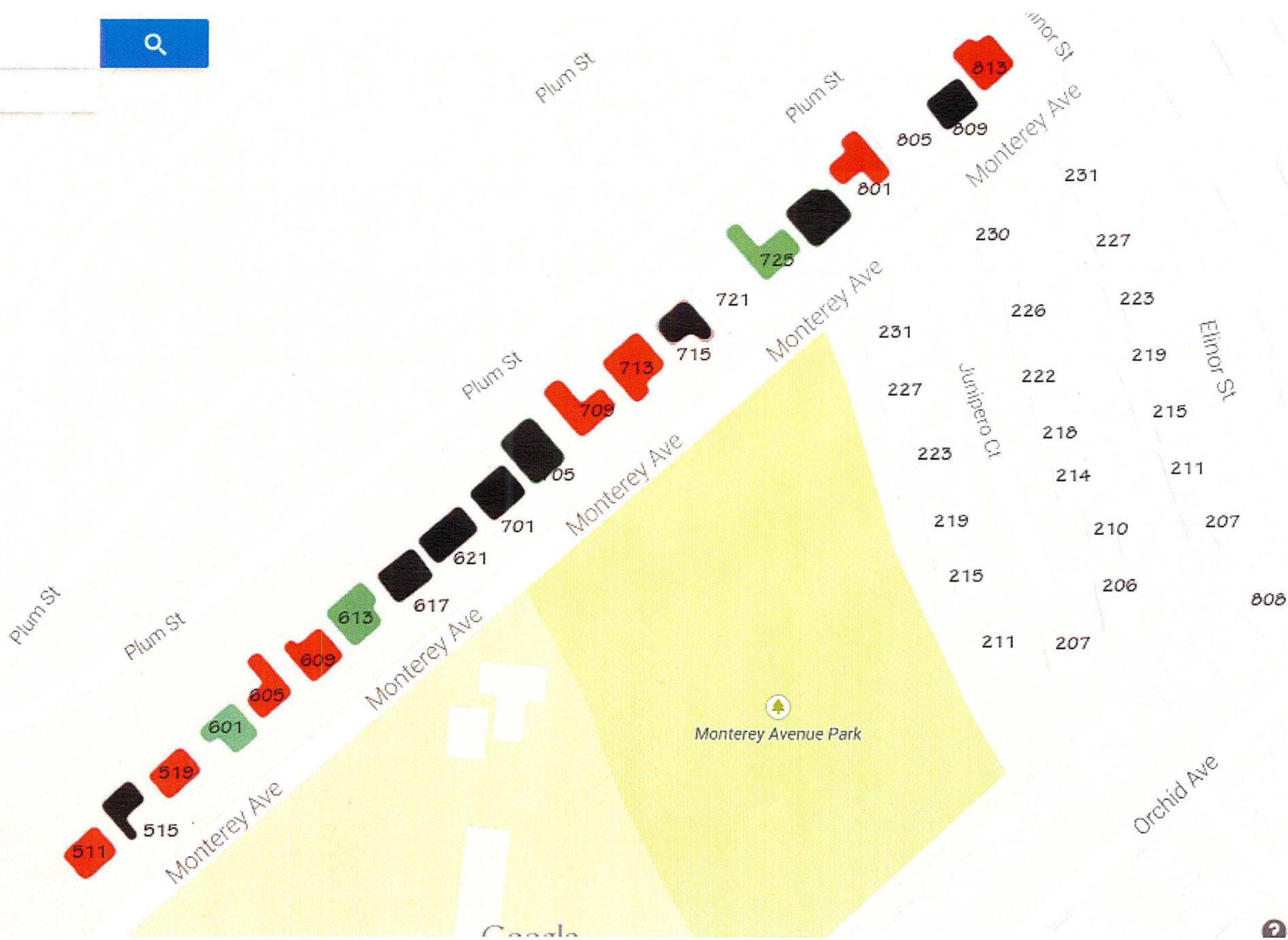
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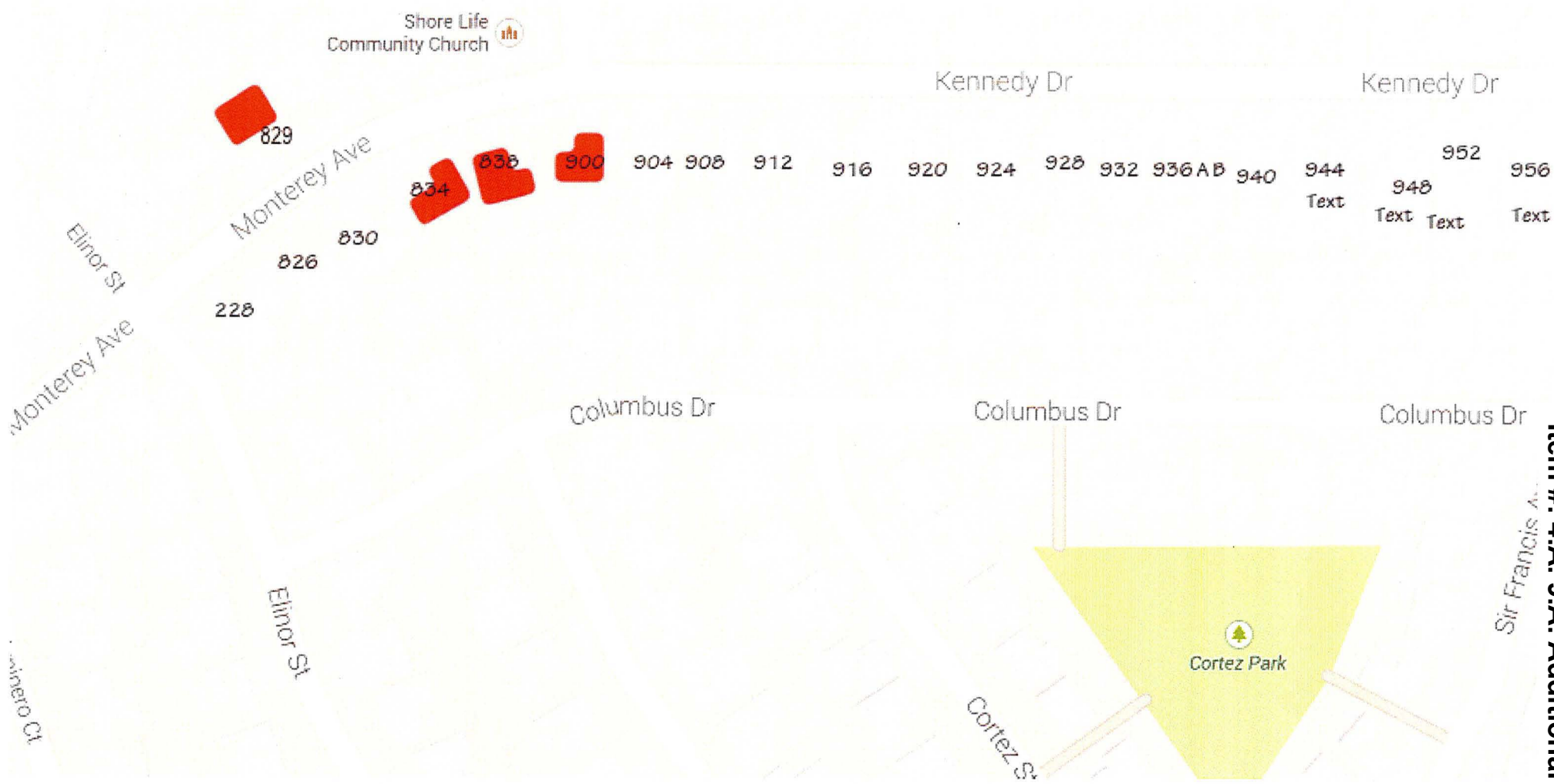
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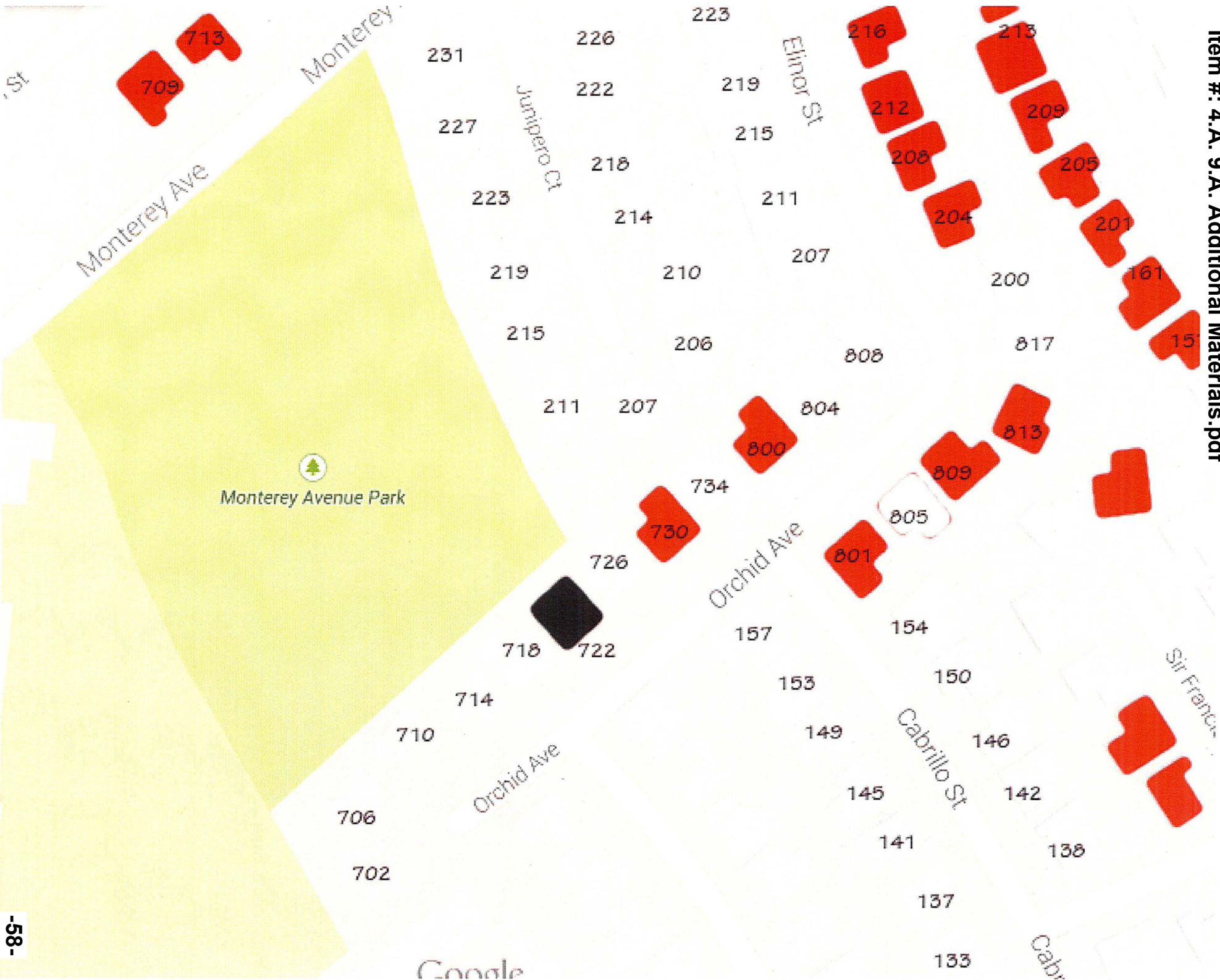
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February 10, 2015

To Capitola City Council Members,

As a neighbor that borders Monterey Park and New Brighton middle school, I have many reasons why I think putting a skate park in Monterey Park is a bad idea. First of all, having a skate park near New Brighton Middle School will create many potential problems. The safety of the students attending the school will be compromised by the existence of a skate park that would invite potentially undesirable people near an already open campus. A predator or drug dealer could easily mix in with people who want to skate during the school day. How could this be monitored? Will the City of Capitola and Capitola Police Department want to deal with the increase in calls due to bothersome or suspicious behavior? The safety of our students should be number one. I haven't even brought up the fact that the environment that surrounds a school should not be distracting. If the school's goal is to promote an environment conducive to learning any responsible citizen want a skate park next to a school?

As a homeowner whose backyard borders the park I could not imagine the increase in noise a skate park would bring. Does the city plan to put in restrooms and how would the maintenance of the skate park be funded? I feel like the desires of a few people in our "community" are overriding the concerns of those who will be affected by this skate parks construction, those who border the park and the concerned parents of kids who attend or will attend New Brighton Middle School. Isn't a skate park at McGregor enough? These so-called community members who are pushing this skate park are acting anything but neighborly.

I am not against skateboarders or skate parks, however, this location is not ideal. McGregor is neither near a school nor homes. Why isn't this location enough? Do Capitola kids really need 2 skate parks?

As a homeowner that borders the park I am also concerned about my homes value. Presently I find the location tranquil. You can hear baseball games and kids at P.E. during the school day; however, the noise is limited to certain hours. I am not hearing the constant grinding of skateboards on concrete. The occasional crack of a baseball hitting a bat cannot be compared to the noise a skate park would create. Will my homes value decrease? Most likely my home's value will decrease if the proposed skate park is built.

Common sense tells us this skate park is not a good idea. We need to consider the safety of our school children first, over the recreational needs of skaters. Skateboarders in this county have many options, of which McGregor will soon be one.

Sincerely,
Karla Villarreal

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February 4, 2015

Steve Jesberg
Public Works Director
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

Re: Monterey Park Skate Park Proposal

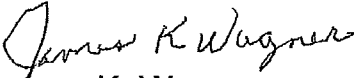
Dear Mr. Jesberg,

Attached, please find a copy of a letter that I had sent to you in June of 2012, regarding the skate park proposal for Monterey Park. I find it disappointing to see that we are revisiting this topic again three years later, especially when a skate park is already in the building stages at the McGregor Park location.

Please note that my statements in the attach letter remain the same, as I am still adamantly opposed to a Skate Park at Monterey Park.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration to this matter once again.

Sincerely,


James K. Wagner
Homeowner
621 Monterey Ave.
Capitola, CA 95010

cc: Capitola City Council

June 11, 2012

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Steven Jesberg
Public Works Director
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

Re: Monterey Park Skate Park Proposal

Dear Mr. Jesberg:

I reside at 621 Monterey Avenue, directly across from where the skate park is proposed to be placed. The City's proposal for a skate park, at Monterey Park, threatens to damage the character and charm and property values of our neighborhood by increasing traffic and noise. I join with my neighbors in opposing the placement of a skate park literally in our front yard.

I moved my family to Capitola forty years ago. Over the past forty years, Monterey Avenue has seen more than its fair share of "development" projects, including: the construction of the Catholic church, bringing the total of two churches within an eighth of a mile of each other, the construction of a large condominium project, the construction of a baseball\softball field, the development of the Monterey Park, the construction of a public parking for at Monterey Park, the expansion of the local public school and school district offices. It is fair to say that with the exception of 41st Avenue, no street in Capitola has suffered as much from the placement of mixed-use development projects.

Vehicular traffic along Monterey Avenue has risen 1000 % over the past forty years. Finding parking along Monterey Avenue is a challenge each work day and nearly impossible on weekends. The City itself has acknowledged the traffic and parking nightmare and is studying its options, including parking meters!

The adjoining sidewalks are congested with skaters, bicyclists, dog walkers and many folks just out for a stroll. Noise emanating from the school and the park is prevalent, loud, annoying and threatens to get worse with each new development. The volume of foot traffic along the sidewalks bordering Monterey Avenue and in particular in front of my home makes it difficult for a nonagenarian like me to enjoy peace, privacy and most importantly my daily walk.

The addition of a "destination park" and or "destination skate park" will only worsen conditions along Monterey Avenue. We know that the most common source of urban noise is transportation related, e.g. automobiles, motorcycles, delivery trucks, etc. as well as noise levels from social gatherings. Studies have shown that such sources of noise lead to related illness and distress which will negatively impact property values.

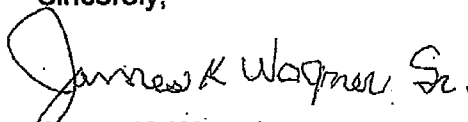
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Skate parks do not belong in residential neighborhoods. The fact is that most if not all skate parks in California are located within industrial, light-industrial/non-residential neighborhoods. I offer in support the following city skate parks: Berkeley, Ceres, Folsom, Fresno, Monterey, Pleasanton, Richmond, Riverbank, San Ramon, and Sacramento, just to name a few.

It is not that Capitola lacks for a reasonable alternative to Monterey Park. McGregor Park is the perfect alternative. A skate park at McGregor Park will not threaten property values or impose upon the neighborhood unbearable traffic, noise and vandalism. Further, McGregor Park is located within the type of area one would expect to find a skate park. The City Council's rejection of McGregor Park in favor of Monterey Park should be viewed with great skepticism.

Finally, and it should not be ignored, the residents along Monterey Avenue and within Cliffwood Heights did not create the controversy with the skating population. That blame resides with the City Council. The City Council identified skating as an ultra hazardous activity, banned it from the "Village" and now makes this attempt to mollify the skaters with a "destination park", smack-dab in the middle of Capitola's prime residential neighborhood. The taxpayers and residents along Monterey Avenue and residing within Cliffwood Heights have already suffered from the over-development of the neighborhood and deserve and demand better.

Sincerely,



James K. Wagner, Sr.

218 Junipero Court
Capitola, California
mwarter@sbcglobal.net

February 8, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, California

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CITY OF CAPITOLA
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RE: Skate Park at Monterey Park

Dear Council Members:

As I stated last time this issue came up, we already have traffic from the park, the school, and the churches. We have practice for several team sports in the park as well as adult soft ball leagues. I enjoy walking in the park and I enjoy the quiet green space. We don't need to have more green space paved over, we don't need more noise, and we certainly don't need more traffic. I believe that the potential problems associated with noise, traffic, and graffiti could adversely affect our property values in addition to the quality of life and the character of the neighborhood. **Please vote no on this proposal.**

As you may know, the majority of the residents who reside in close proximity to Monterey Park oppose developing a second skate park at Monterey Park. I personally obtained signatures from every house on Junipero Court except one expressing opposition to a skate park here. We discussed this issue at length in 2012 and we appreciated your decision to establish the skate park at the McGregor site where there are no neighbors. In fact, we were quite surprised when the issue came up again. Let's see how the skate park at the McGregor site works out before we launch into another project. Do we really need two skate parks in a city of two square miles?

It is my understanding that several attempts have been made to develop a skate park in other locations in Capitola over the years and all have been unsuccessful due to opposition by the close neighbors. Please understand that the close neighbors oppose this location too. I have been told that the ladies pushing this location claim that they have 95% support from the neighborhood. Perhaps this is true, but it is also very misleading. I can understand that the residents in the Knolls and streets in Cliffwood Heights that do not border the site would have little objection. However, neither I nor my neighbors on Junipero Court were asked to sign a petition in favor of this location. Why do you suppose they didn't ask us?

Finally, I would like to thank you for governing this community so well for the 30 years that I have lived here. Capitola enjoys one of the highest property values of any community in Santa Cruz County. This is a result of our beautiful location and in no small part to the high quality of our local government. Please continue to represent your constituents, not special interest groups, and maintain the quality of life of the residents and the character of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Warter
831-476-1294

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Susan Westman [susan@bestwestman.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:02 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Skatepark in Monterey Park

Dear Council Members,

First I want to let you know that I am a resident in the much maligned 500 block of Riverview Drive but the reason I support the skate park in Monterey has little do with living on that block.

I hate to think how many hours I have stood in the street to watch for cars while my three grandchildren skateboarded. You may think less of me because I let my grandchild skate in the street but there has been no other place in Capitola for them to enjoy their favorite recreational activity. It is time for Capitola to recognize that we need a skate park in a good location for younger children use and that is Monterey Park.

I hope you vote for putting a reasonably sized skate park in Monterey Park.

Susan Westman

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**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
CAPITOLA PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 2015
7 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners: Ron Graves, Ed Newman, Linda Smith and TJ Welch
Absent: Gayle Ortiz,

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Additions and Deletions to Agenda
- B. Public Comment
- C. Commission Comment
- D. Staff Comments

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **January 15, 2015, Draft Planning Commission Minutes**

ACTION: Approved 4-0

4. CONSENT CALENDAR - No items

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **4555 Opal Street #14-179 APN: 034-061-17 & 18**
Fence Permit application with request for a height exception up to 7 feet along the rear and side property line and a Major Revocable Encroachment Permit for a 3-foot concrete wall in the right-of-way of 4555 Opal Street, located in the R-1(Single Family Residential) Zoning District.
This project is in the Coastal Zone but does not require a Coastal Development Permit.
Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption
Property Owner: Mark Williams, filed: 12/16/14
Representative: Prime Landscape Services

ACTION: Height exception denied 2-2, Major Revocable Encroachment Permit approved 4-0

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2015

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ANNUAL
ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2013

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive the California Public Employees Retirement System Annual Actuarial Valuation Reports as of June 30, 2013.

BACKGROUND: On an annual basis, the City receives actuarial reports from the California Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS or PERS) that confirm the current year employer contribution rates, establish rates for the next fiscal year, and project rates for the next year.

DISCUSSION: The PERS contribution rates typically fluctuate for many reasons, including investment gains and losses and unexpected changes to payroll. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2015-16, CalPERS implemented structural changes to the risk pools. These changes included expressing the annual employer contribution for the unfunded liability as a dollar amount, rather than a percentage; and allocating each pool's unfunded liability to individual plans based on the plan's total liability, rather than each plan's payroll costs. This change increased the City of Capitola's actuarially determined employer contribution rates by more than 4.5%. While the current memoranda of understanding (MOU's) indicate that City employees will bear the cost of this increase, the City and employee groups are meeting to review these rate increases.

The City's contribution for Tier I and Tier II "Classic" employees is capped pursuant to existing MOU'S. The City's contribution rate for Tier I employees remains unchanged at 28.291% for Safety and 16.488% for Miscellaneous. The City's contribution rate for Tier II employees also remains unchanged at 23.291% and 11.488%, respectively. The Fiscal Year 2015/2016 calculated contribution rates for Classic Safety employees are 17.314% and 22.314% for Tier I and Tier II employees, respectively. This represents an increase of 5.44% points. The Fiscal Year 2015/2016 contribution rates for Classic Miscellaneous employees are 16.965% and 21.965% for Tier I and Tier II employees, respectively. This represents an increase of 6.673% points over the existing rate. Due to the new PERS model expressing a portion of the rate as a dollar amount, rather than a fixed percentage, the allocated portion may vary based on updated salary projections. It is estimated that this variance should not be more than .50% percentage points. Under the current MOU language, this rate increase would decrease employee take-home pay.

Based on the most recent actuary report, it is projected that Classic employee PERS Safety and Miscellaneous rates for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 will increase by 4.49% points and 2.571% points, respectively. The actual rates will be provided in next year's Actuarial Valuation Reports.

Assembly Bill 340, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), applies to new employees who were not previously members of the PERS reciprocal system. For PEPRA plans, the employee rates remain unchanged through June 30, 2016 at 11.50% for Safety employees and 6.25% for Miscellaneous employees, while the employer rates are 11.50% and 6.237%, respectively. There were no employees enrolled in the Capitola Safety PEPRA plan, therefore a new actuarial report was not prepared. All PEPRA safety rates reference the Benefit and Contribution Rates that became effective on January 1, 2013.

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT - FEBRUARY 11, 2015

PERS ANNUAL ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2013

Employee Contribution	Classic – Tier I		Classic – Tier II		PEPRA	
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FY06/07	0.0%	0.0%				
FY07/08	1.623%	0.152%				
Dec 30. - July 2008	1.623%	3.594%				
FY08/09	1.849%	3.576%				
FY09/10	1.688%	3.663%				
FY10/11	2.332%	4.128%				
FY11/12	7.801%	7.511%				
FY12/13	8.449%	8.267%	13.449%	13.267%	11.50%	6.25%
FY13/14	10.021%	9.091%	15.021%	14.091%	11.50%	6.25%
FY14/15	11.874%	10.292%	16.874%	15.292%	11.50%	6.25%
FY15/16	17.314%	16.965%	22.314%	21.965%	11.50%	6.25%

Contribution Rates (Classic)	2015-16 PERS Rates	Cap Revised	Tier I Employee Contribution	Tier II Employee Contribution
Safety				
Employer	32.839%	16.955%		
Employee	9.000%	9.000%		
EPMC (a)	2.956%	1.526%		
EPMC (b)	0.810%	0.810%		
Total	45.605%	28.291%	17.314%	22.314%
Miscellaneous				
Employer	22.975%	8.409%		
Employee	8.000%	7.000%		
EPMC (a)	1.838%	0.589%		
EPMC (b)	0.640%	0.490%		
Total	33.453%	16.488%	16.965%	21.965%

FISCAL IMPACT: Under the current MOU's, all increases related to the Classic PERS rates will be assumed by employees. If there are proposed changes to employee contracts that would result in a fiscal impact, that information will be brought forward to Council at that time. The PEPRA rates remain relatively unchanged from Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

ATTACHMENTS: (The following attachments are available at City Hall)

1. CalPERS Safety Plan of the City of Capitola Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2013;
2. CalPERS Miscellaneous Plan of the City of Capitola Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2013;
3. CalPERS PEPRA Misc. Plan of the City of Capitola Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2013;
4. CalPERS Benefit and Contribution Rates for New Safety Members, Effective January 1, 2013.

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October 2014

**SAFETY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA
 (CalPERS ID: 2647630112)
 Annual Valuation Report as of June 30, 2013**

Dear Employer,

As an attachment to this letter, you will find a copy of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation report of your pension plan. Because this plan is in a risk pool and the CalPERS Board approved structural changes to risk pooling on May 21, 2014 you will notice some changes between your last actuarial report and this one. An overview of the changes to pooling is provided below and we urge you to carefully review the information provided in this report.

Because this plan is in a risk pool, the following valuation report has been separated into two Sections:

- Section 1 contains specific information for your plan, including the development of your pooled employer contributions and projected employer contributions, and
- Section 2 contains the Risk Pool Actuarial Valuation appropriate to your plan, as of June 30, 2013.

Section 2 can be found on the CalPERS website at (www.calpers.ca.gov) then select in order "Employers", "Actuarial, Risk Pooling & GASB 27 Information", "Risk Pooling", "Risk Pool Annual Valuation Reports", then select the appropriate pool report.

Your 2013 actuarial valuation report contains important actuarial information about your pension plan at CalPERS. Your CalPERS staff actuary, whose signature appears in the Actuarial Certification Section on page 1, is available to discuss your report with you after October 31, 2014.

Future Contribution Rates

Fiscal Year	Employer Normal Cost Rate	+	Employer Payment of Unfunded Liability
2015-16	18.524%		\$ 330,519
2016-17 (projected)	19.6%		\$ 395,101

The exhibit above displays the Minimum Employer Contributions, before any cost sharing, for 2015-16 along with estimates of the contributions for 2016-17. The estimated contributions for 2016-17 are based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimated 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal 2013-14, the impact of the new amortization methods adopted by the CalPERS Board in April 2013 that will impact employer rates for the first time in 2015-16 and new actuarial assumptions adopted by the CalPERS Board in February 2014 that will impact rates for the first time in 2016-17. These new demographic assumptions include a 20-year projected improvement in mortality.

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A projection of employer contributions beyond 2016-17 can be found in the Risk Analysis Section of this report, "Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios", under a variety of investment return scenarios. Please disregard any projections provided to you in the past. Member contributions, other than cost sharing (whether paid by the employer or the employee), are in addition to the above amounts. The employer contributions in this report do not reflect any cost sharing arrangements you may have with your employees.

The estimate for 2016-17 also assumes that there are no future contract amendments and no liability gains or losses (such as larger than expected pay increases, more retirements than expected, etc.) This is a very important assumption because these gains and losses do occur and can have a significant effect on your contributions. Even for the largest plans or pools, such gains and losses can impact the employer's contribution rate by one or two percent of payroll or even more in some less common circumstances. These gains and losses cannot be predicted in advance so the projected employer contributions are estimates. Your actual employer contributions for 2016-17 will be provided in next year's valuation report.

Changes since the Prior Year's Valuation

On April 17, 2013, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved a recommendation to change the CalPERS amortization and rate smoothing policies. Beginning with the June 30, 2013 valuations that set the 2015-16 rates, CalPERS will employ an amortization and smoothing policy that will pay for all gains and losses over a fixed 30-year period with the increases or decreases in the rate spread directly over a 5-year period. The impact of this new actuarial methodology is reflected in the "Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios" subsection of the "Risk Analysis" section of your report.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. In addition to creating new retirement formulas for newly hired members PEPRA also effectively closed all existing active risk pools to new employees. As such it is no longer appropriate to assume that the payroll of the risk pools for the classic formulas will continue to grow at 3 percent annually. Funding the promised pension benefits as a percentage of payroll would lead to the underfunding of the plans. In addition the current allocation of the existing unfunded liabilities based on payroll would create equity issues for employers within the risk pools. Furthermore the declining payroll of the classic formula risk pools will lead to unacceptable levels of employer rate volatility.

In order to address these issues the CalPERS Board of Administration approved at their May 21, 2014 meeting structural changes to the risk pools. All pooled plans will be combined into two active pools, one for all miscellaneous groups and one for all safety groups, effective with the 2013 valuations. By combining the pools this way the payroll of the risk pools and the employers within the pools can once again be expected to increase at the assumed 3 percent annual growth. However two important changes are being made which will affect employers.

1. Beginning with FY 2015-16 CalPERS will collect employer contributions toward your unfunded liability and side fund as dollar amounts instead of the prior method of a contribution rate. This change will address the funding issue that would still arise from the declining population of classic formula members. Although employers will be invoiced at the beginning of the fiscal year for their unfunded liability and side fund

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payments the plan's normal cost contribution will continue to be collected as a percentage of payroll.

2. The pool's unfunded liability will be allocated to each individual plan based on the plan's total liability rather than by plan individual payroll. This will allow employers to track their own unfunded liability and pay it down faster if they choose. The change in the allocation of unfunded liabilities will result in some employers paying more towards their unfunded liability and some paying less.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. The impact of the PEPRA changes are included in the rates and the benefit provision listings of the June 30, 2013 valuation for the 2015-16 rates. For more information on PEPRA, please refer to the CalPERS website.

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns. The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The Board also approved several changes to the demographic assumptions that more closely align with actual experience. The most significant of these is mortality improvement to acknowledge the greater life expectancies we are seeing in our membership and expected continued improvements. The new actuarial assumptions will be used to set the FY 2016-17 contribution rates for public agency employers. The increase in liability due to new actuarial assumptions will be calculated in the 2014 actuarial valuation and will be amortized over a 20-year period with a 5-year ramp-up/ramp-down in accordance with Board policy.

Besides the above noted changes, there may also be changes specific to your plan such as contract amendments and funding changes.

Further descriptions of general changes are included in the "*Highlights and Executive Summary*" section and in Appendix A, "*Statement of Actuarial Data, Methods and Assumptions*" of your section 2 report. We understand that you might have a number of questions about these results. While we are very interested in discussing these results with your agency, in the interest of allowing us to give every public agency their result, we ask that, you wait until after October 31 to contact us with actuarial related questions.

If you have other questions, please call our customer contact center at (888) CalPERS or (888-**225-7377**).

Sincerely,



ALAN MILLIGAN
Chief Actuary

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ACTUARIAL VALUATION

as of June 30, 2013

**for the
SAFETY PLAN
of the
CITY OF CAPITOLA
(CalPERS ID: 2647630112)**

**REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

**Plan Specific Information
for the
SAFETY PLAN
of the
CITY OF CAPITOLA**

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ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATION

Section 1 of this report is based on the member and financial data contained in our records as of June 30, 2013 which was provided by your agency and the benefit provisions under your contract with CalPERS. Section 2 of this report is based on the member and financial data as of June 30, 2013 provided by employers participating in the SAFETY risk pool to which your plan belongs and benefit provisions under the CalPERS contracts for those agencies.

As set forth in Section 2 of this report, the Pool Actuary has certified that, in their opinion, the valuation of the Risk Pool containing your SAFETY PLAN has been performed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles consistent with standards of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the assumptions and methods are internally consistent and reasonable for the Risk Pool as of the date of this valuation and as prescribed by the CalPERS Board of Administration according to provisions set forth in the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.

Having relied upon the information set forth in Section 2 of this report and based on the census and benefit provision information for your plan, it is my opinion as your Plan Actuary that the Side Fund and other Unfunded Accrued Liability bases as of June 30, 2013 and employer contribution rate as of July 1, 2015, have been properly and accurately determined in accordance with the principles and standards stated above.

The undersigned is an actuary for CalPERS, who is a member of both the American Academy of Actuaries and Society of Actuaries and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.



DAVID CLEMENT, ASA, MAAA, EA
Senior Pension Actuary, CalPERS
Plan Actuary

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HIGHLIGHTS AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **INTRODUCTION**
- **PURPOSE OF SECTION 1**
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- **PLAN'S FUNDED STATUS**
- **PROJECTED CONTRIBUTIONS**

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Introduction

This report presents the results of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation of the SAFETY PLAN of the CITY OF CAPITOLA of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). This actuarial valuation was used to set the 2015-16 required employer contribution rates.

On April 17, 2013, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved a recommendation to change the CalPERS amortization and rate smoothing policies. Beginning with the June 30, 2013 valuations that set the 2015-16 rates, CalPERS will employ an amortization and smoothing policy that will pay for all gains and losses over a fixed 30-year period with the increases or decreases in the rate spread directly over a 5-year period. The impact of this new actuarial methodology is reflected in the "*Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios*" subsection of the "*Risk Analysis*" section of your report.

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In order to address these issues the CalPERS Board of Administration approved at their May 21, 2014 meeting structural changes to the risk pools. All pooled plans will be combined into two active pools, one for all miscellaneous groups and one for all safety groups, effective with the 2013 valuations. By combining the pools this way the payroll of the risk pools and the employers within the pools can once again be expected to increase at the assumed 3 percent annual growth. However two important changes are being made which will affect employers.

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2. The pool's unfunded liability will be allocated to each individual plan based on the plan's total liability rather than by the plan's individual payroll. This will allow employers to track their own unfunded liability and pay it down faster if they choose. The change in the allocation of unfunded liabilities will result in some employers paying more towards their unfunded liability and some paying less.

The impact of most of the PEPRA changes will first show up in the rates and the benefit provision listings of the June 30, 2013 valuation that sets the contribution rates for the 2015-16 fiscal year. For more detailed information on changes due to PEPRA, please refer to the CalPERS website.

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns (see Appendix). The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The Board also approved several changes to the demographic assumptions that more closely align with actual experience. The most significant of these is mortality improvement to acknowledge the greater life expectancies we are seeing in our membership and expected continued improvements. The new actuarial assumptions will be used to set the FY 2016-17 contribution rates for public agency employers. The increase in liability due to new actuarial assumptions will be calculated in the 2014 actuarial valuation and will be amortized over a 20-year period with a 5-year ramp-up/ramp-down in accordance with Board policy.

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SAFETY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA
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Purpose of Section 1

This section 1 report for the SAFETY PLAN of the CITY OF CAPITOLA of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) was prepared by the Plan Actuary in order to:

- Set forth the assets and accrued liabilities of this plan as of June 30, 2013;
- Determine the required employer contribution for this plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016;
- Provide actuarial information as of June 30, 2013 to the CalPERS Board of Administration and other interested parties; and
- Provide pension information as of June 30, 2013 to be used in financial reports subject to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 27 for a Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

The use of this report for any other purposes may be inappropriate. In particular, this report does not contain information applicable to alternative benefit costs. The employer should contact their actuary before disseminating any portion of this report for any reason that is not explicitly described above.

California Actuarial Advisory Panel Recommendations

This report includes all the basic disclosure elements as described in the *Model Disclosure Elements for Actuarial Valuation Reports* recommended in 2011 by the California Actuarial Advisory Panel (CAAP), with the exception of including the original base amounts of the various components of the unfunded liability in the Schedule of Amortization Bases shown on page 12.

Additionally, this report includes the following "Enhanced Risk Disclosures" also recommended by the CAAP in the Model Disclosure Elements document:

- A "Deterministic Stress Test," projecting future results under different investment income scenarios
- A "Sensitivity Analysis," showing the impact on current valuation results using a 1 percent plus or minus change in the discount rate.

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Required Employer Contribution

Actuarially Determined Employer Contributions:	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2014-15 ¹	2015-16
Employer Contributions (in Projected Dollars)		
Plan's Employer Normal Cost	\$ 406,296	\$ 417,571
Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases	219,479	330,519 ²
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits ³		
a) FAC 1	22,535	22,999
Phase out of Normal Cost Difference ⁴	0	0
Amortization of Side Fund	0	0
Total Employer Contribution	\$ 648,310	\$ 771,089
Projected Payroll for the Contribution Fiscal Year	\$ 2,327,945	\$ 2,378,371
Required Employer Contributions (Percentage of Payroll)		
Plan's Net Employer Normal Cost	17.453%	17.557%
Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases	9.428%	13.896% ²
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits ³		
a) FAC 1	0.968%	0.967%
Phase out of Normal Cost Difference ⁴	0.000%	0.000%
Amortization of Side Fund	0.000%	0.000%
Total Employer Contribution Rate	27.849%	32.420%

Required Employer Contribution for FY 2015-16	
Employer Contribution Rate⁵	18.524%
Plus Monthly Employer Dollar UAL Payment⁶	\$ 27,543
Annual Lump Sum Prepayment Option	\$ 318,781

*For FY 2015-16 the total minimum required employer contribution is the **sum** of the Plan's Employer Contribution Rate (expressed as a percentage of payroll) **plus** the Employer Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) Contribution Amount (in dollars). Whereas in prior years it was possible to prepay total employer contributions for the fiscal year, beginning with FY 2015-16 and beyond, only the UAL portion of the employer contribution can be prepaid.*

¹ The results shown for FY 2014-15 reflect the prior year valuation and do not reflect any lump sum payment, side fund payoff or rate adjustment made after annual valuation report is completed.

² For FY 2015-16 the Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases reflects the sum of all UAL amortization bases including the Plan's Side Fund (where applicable).

³ Section 2 of this report contains a list of Class 1 benefits and corresponding surcharges for each benefit.

⁴ Risk pooling was implemented for most plans as of June 30, 2003. The normal cost difference was scheduled to be phased out over a five year period. The phase out of normal cost difference is 100 percent for the first year of pooling, and is incrementally reduced by 20 percent of the original normal cost difference for each subsequent year.

⁵ The minimum employer contribution under PEPRA is the greater of the required employer contribution or the total employer normal cost.

⁶ The Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases Contribution amount for FY 2015-16 will be billed as a level dollar amount monthly over the course of the year. Late payments will accrue interest at an annual rate of 7.5 percent. Lump sum payments may be made through myCalPERS. Plan Normal Cost contributions will be made as part of the payroll reporting process. As a percentage of payroll your UAL contribution is 13.896 percent.

Plan's Funded Status

	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2013
1. Present Value of Projected Benefits (PVB)	\$ 36,454,061	\$ 37,412,474
2. Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability	30,630,882	31,655,484
3. Plan's Market Value of Assets (MVA)	22,588,206	24,540,509
4. Unfunded Liability [(2) - (3)]	8,042,676	7,114,975
5. Funded Ratio [(3) / (2)]	73.7%	77.5%

Projected Contributions

The contribution rate and amount shown below is an estimate for the employer contribution for fiscal year 2016-17. The estimated contribution is based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimate of the investment return for fiscal year 2013-14, namely 18.0 percent. It also reflects implementation of the direct rate smoothing method and the impact of new actuarial assumptions.

Projected Employer Contribution Rate:	19.6%
Projected Plan UAL Contribution	\$ 395,101

The estimate also assumes that there are no liability gains or losses among the plans in your risk pool, that your plan has no new amendments in the next year, and that your plan's and your risk pool's payrolls both increase exactly 3.0 percent in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Therefore, the projected employer contribution for 2016-17 is strictly an estimate. Your actual rate for 2016-17 will be provided in next year's valuation report. A more detailed analysis of your projected employer contributions over the next five years can be found in the "Risk Analysis" section of this report.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN'S SHARE OF POOL'S UAL**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN'S SHARE OF POOL'S MVA**
- **SCHEDULE OF PLAN'S SIDE FUND & OTHER AMORTIZATION BASES**
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- **PLAN'S TOTAL NORMAL COST RATE**

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Development of the Plan's Share of Pool's Unfunded Accrued Liability

It is the policy of the CalPERS to ensure equity within the risk pools by allocating the pool's unfunded accrued liability in a manner that treats each employer fairly and that maintains benefit security for the members of the System while minimizing substantial variations in employer contributions. Commencing with the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuations and for purposes of allocating the pool's unfunded accrued liability to all the individual plans within the pool, an individual plan's total unfunded accrued liability (Preliminary Plan UAL) on a specific valuation date will be set equal to the sum of the outstanding unamortized balances on the valuation date for the following:

- a) Side Fund
- b) Plan's share of Pool UAL due to benefit changes (including golden handshakes) provided to the members of that plan
- c) Plan's share of the Pool UAL created before the valuation date for reasons other than benefit changes

1.	Plan's Accrued Liability	\$	31,655,484
2.	Plan's Side Fund		0
3.	Increase in Plan's AL for amendments in FY 2012-13		0
4.	Pool's Accrued Liability	\$	12,307,135,447
5.	Sum of Pool's Individual Plan Side Funds		461,094,417
6.	Increase in Pool's AL for amendments in FY 2012-13		817,039
7.	Pre-2013 Pool's UAL	\$	1,391,710,886
8.	Plan's Share of Pre-2013 Pool's UAL $[(1)-(2)-(3)]/[(4)-(5)-(6)] * (7)$	\$	3,719,244
9.	Pool's 2013 Investment & Asset (Gain)/Loss		1,285,245,280
10.	Pool's 2013 Other (Gain)/Loss		(15,159,479)
11.	Plan's Share of Pool's Asset (Gain)/Loss $[(1)-(2)-(3)]/[(4)-(5)-(6)] * (9)$		3,434,723
12.	Plan's Share of Pool's Other (Gain)/Loss $[(1)]/[(4)] * (10)$		(38,992)
13.	Plan's UAL as of 6/30/2013 $[(2)+(8)+(11)+(12)]$	\$	7,114,975

Development of the Plan's Share of Pool's Market Value of Assets

1.	Plan's Accrued Liability	\$	31,655,484
2.	Plan's UAL	\$	7,114,975
3.	Plan's Share of Pool's MVA (1)-(2)	\$	24,540,509

Schedule of Plan's Side Fund and Other Amortization Bases

There is a two-year lag between the Valuation Date and the Contribution Fiscal Year.

- The assets, liabilities and funded status of the plan are measured as of the valuation date; June 30, 2013.
- The employer contribution determined by the valuation is for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date; fiscal year 2015-16.

This two-year lag is necessary due to the amount of time needed to extract and test the membership and financial data, and due to the need to provide public agencies with their employer contribution well in advance of the start of the fiscal year.

The Unfunded Liability is used to determine the employer contribution and therefore must be rolled forward two years from the valuation date to the first day of the fiscal year for which the contribution is being determined. The Unfunded Liability is rolled forward each year by subtracting the expected Payment on the Unfunded Liability for the fiscal year and adjusting for interest. The Expected Payment on the Unfunded Liability for a fiscal year is equal to the Expected Employer Contribution for the fiscal year minus the Expected Normal Cost for the year. The Employer Contribution Rate for the first fiscal year is determined by the actuarial valuation two years ago and the rate for the second year is from the actuarial valuation one year ago. The Normal Cost Rate for each of the two fiscal years is assumed to be the same as the rate determined by the current valuation. All expected dollar amounts, with the exception of the Side Fund base, are determined by multiplying the rate by the expected payroll for the applicable fiscal year, based on payroll as of the valuation date.

Reason for Base	Date Established	Amortization Period	Balance 6/30/13	Expected Payment 2013-14	Balance 6/30/14	Expected Payment 2014-15	Amounts for Fiscal 2015-16		
							Balance 6/30/15	Scheduled Payment for 2015-16	Payment as Percentage of Payroll
SIDE FUND	06/30/13	10	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.000%
SHARE OF PRE-2013 POOL UAL	06/30/13	22	\$3,719,244	\$170,173	\$3,821,748	\$232,313	\$3,867,512	\$275,325	11.576%
ASSET (GAIN)/LOSS	06/30/13	30	\$3,434,723	\$0	\$3,692,327	\$0	\$3,969,252	\$55,828	2.347%
NON-ASSET (GAIN)/LOSS	06/30/13	30	\$(38,992)	\$0	\$(41,916)	\$0	\$(45,060)	\$(634)	(0.027%)
TOTAL			\$7,114,975	\$170,173	\$7,472,159	\$232,313	\$7,791,704	\$330,519	13.896%

Commencing with the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuations, the side fund will be treated as a liability as opposed to an asset. Prior to June 30, 2013, a positive side fund conveyed that a public agency had a surplus when risk pooling began June 30, 2003. Conversely, a negative side fund signified that a public agency had an unfunded liability that required elimination through an amortization payment schedule. After June 30, 2013 a positive side fund will signify that an agency has an unfunded liability while a negative side fund will indicate a surplus asset. The amortization schedule will remain unchanged, with the exception that a plan with a negative side fund may have its amortization period extended at the discretion of the plan actuary.

Your plan's allocated share of the risk's pool's unfunded accrued liability is based on your plan's accrued liability and is amortized over the average amortization period of the combined existing amortization bases prior to June 30, 2013. The payments on this base for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and 2014-15 are allocated by your plan's payroll.

The (gain)/loss base is your plan's allocated share of the risk pool's asset gain/loss for the Fiscal Year 2012-13, the change in unfunded accrued liability due to direct rate smoothing and your plan's allocated share of the risk pool's other liability gains and losses for fiscal year 2012-13. This base will be amortized according to Board policy over 30 years with a 5-year ramp-up.

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Alternate Amortization Schedules

The amortization schedule shown on the previous page shows the minimum contributions required according to CalPERS amortization policy. There has been considerable interest from many agencies in paying off these unfunded accrued liabilities sooner and the possible savings in doing so. As a result, we have provided alternate amortization schedules to help analyze your current amortization schedule and illustrate the advantages of accelerating unfunded liability payments towards your plan's unfunded liability of \$7,791,704 as of June 30, 2015, which will require total payments of \$19,704,809.

Shown below are the level rate payments required to amortize your plan's unfunded liability assuming a fresh start over the various periods noted. Note that the payments under each scenario would increase by 3 percent for each year into the future.

Period	Level Rate			
	2015-16 Payment	Total Payments	Total Interest	Savings
25	\$ 514,988	\$ 18,776,084	\$ 10,984,380	\$ 928,725
20	\$ 588,316	\$ 15,808,271	\$ 8,016,567	\$ 3,896,538

Current CalPERS Board policy calls for lump sum contributions in excess of the required employer contribution shall first be used to eliminate the side fund, if applicable, and then the plan's share of the pool's unfunded accrued liability.

Please contact your plan actuary before making such a payment to ensure that the payment is applied correctly.

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Funding History

The Funding History below shows the actuarial accrued liability, the plan's share of the pool's market value of assets, plan's share of the pool's unfunded liability, funded ratio and the annual covered payroll.

Valuation Date	Accrued Liability (AL)	Share of Pool's Market Value of Assets (MVA)	Plan's Share of Pool's Unfunded Liability	Funded Ratio	Annual Covered Payroll
06/30/2011	\$ 28,146,569	\$ 22,212,634	\$ 5,933,935	78.9%	\$ 2,076,967
06/30/2012	30,630,882	22,588,206	8,042,676	73.7%	2,130,400
06/30/2013	31,655,484	24,540,509	7,114,975	77.5%	2,176,546

Plan's Total Normal Cost Rate

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 requires that new employees pay at least 50 percent of the total annual normal cost and that current employees approach the same goal through collective bargaining. Please refer to the CalPERS website for more details.

Shown below are the total annual normal cost rates for your plan.

	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16
Plan's Net Total Normal Cost Rate for 3% @ 50	26.438%	26.543%
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits		
a) FAC 1	<u>0.968%</u>	<u>0.967%</u>
Plan's Total Normal Cost Rate	27.406%	27.510%

RISK ANALYSIS

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- **PROJECTED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**
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- **HYPOTHETICAL TERMINATION LIABILITY**

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Volatility Ratios

The actuarial calculations supplied in this communication are based on a number of assumptions about very long-term demographic and economic behavior. Unless these assumptions (terminations, deaths, disabilities, retirements, salary growth, and investment return) are exactly realized each year, there will be differences on a year-to-year basis. The year-to-year differences between actual experience and the assumptions are called actuarial gains and losses and serve to lower or raise the employer's rates from one year to the next. Therefore, the rates will inevitably fluctuate, especially due to the ups and downs of investment returns.

Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR)

Plans that have higher asset to payroll ratios produce more volatile employer rates due to investment return. For example, a plan with an asset to payroll ratio of 8 may experience twice the contribution volatility due to investment return volatility, than a plan with an asset to payroll ratio of 4. Below we have shown your asset volatility ratio, a measure of the plan's current rate volatility. It should be noted that this ratio is a measure of the current situation. It increases over time but generally tends to stabilize as the plan matures.

Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR)

Plans that have higher liability to payroll ratios produce more volatile employer rates due to investment return and changes in liability. For example, a plan with a liability to payroll ratio of 8 is expected to have twice the contribution volatility of a plan with a liability to payroll ratio of 4. The liability volatility ratio is also included in the table below. It should be noted that this ratio indicates a longer-term potential for contribution volatility and the asset volatility ratio, described above, will tend to move closer to this ratio as the plan matures.

Rate Volatility	As of June 30, 2013	
1. Market Value of Assets	\$	24,540,509
2. Payroll		2,176,546
3. Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR = 1. / 2.)		11.3
4. Accrued Liability	\$	31,655,484
5. Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR = 4. / 2.)		14.5

Projected Employer Contributions

The estimated rate for 2016-17 is based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimated 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal 2013-14, the impact of the new smoothing methods adopted by the CalPERS Board in April 2013 that will impact employer rates for the first time in 2015-16 and new actuarial assumptions adopted by the CalPERS Board in February 2014. These new demographic assumptions include a 20-year projected improvement in mortality. A complete listing of the new demographic assumptions to be implemented with the June 30, 2014 annual actuarial valuation and incorporated in the projected rates for FY 2016-17 and beyond can be found on the CalPERS website at: <http://www.calpers.ca.gov/eip-docs/about/pubs/employer/actuarial-assumptions.xls>

The table below shows projected employer contribution rates (before cost sharing) for the next five Fiscal Years, **assuming CalPERS earns 18.0% for fiscal year 2013-14 and 7.50 percent every fiscal year thereafter**, and assuming that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur between now and the beginning of the fiscal year 2016-17.

	New Rate	Projected Future Employer Contribution Rates				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Normal Cost %:	18.524%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%
UAL \$	\$ 330,519	\$ 395,101	\$ 463,262	\$ 535,156	\$ 610,946	\$ 626,817

Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns. The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The newly adopted asset allocation has a lower expected investment volatility that will result in better risk characteristics than an equivalent margin for adverse deviation. The current asset allocation has an expected standard deviation of 12.45 percent while the newly adopted asset allocation has a lower expected standard deviation of 11.76 percent.

The investment return for fiscal year 2013-14 was announced July 14, 2014. The investment return in fiscal year 2013-14 is 18.42 percent before administrative expenses. This year, there will be no adjustment for real estate and private equities. For purposes of projecting future employer rates, we are assuming a 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal year 2013-14.

The investment return realized during a fiscal year first affects the contribution rate for the fiscal year 2 years later. Specifically, the investment return for 2013-14 will first be reflected in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation that will be used to set the 2016-17 employer contribution rates, the 2014-15 investment return will first be reflected in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation that will be used to set the 2017-18 employer contribution rates and so forth.

Based on a 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal year 2013-14, the April 17, 2013 CalPERS Board-approved amortization and rate smoothing method change, the February 18, 2014 new demographic assumptions including 20-year mortality improvement using Scale BB and assuming that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized, and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur between now and the beginning of the fiscal year 2016-17, the effect on the 2016-17 Employer Rate is as follows:

	Estimated 2016-17 Employer Contribution	Estimated Increase in Employer Contribution between 2015-16 and 2016-17
Normal Cost %:	19.6%	1.1%
UAL \$	\$ 395,101	\$ 64,582

As part of this report, a sensitivity analysis was performed to determine the effects of various investment returns during fiscal years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 on the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 employer rates. Once again, the projected rate increases assume that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur.

Five different investment return scenarios were selected.

- The first scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 5th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 5th percentile return corresponds to a -3.8 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- The second scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 25th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 25th percentile return corresponds to a 2.8 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- The third scenario assumed the return for 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 would be our assumed 7.5 percent investment return which represents about a 49th percentile event.
- The fourth scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 75th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 75th percentile return corresponds to a 12.0 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- Finally, the last scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 95th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 95th percentile return corresponds to a 18.9 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.

The table below shows the estimated projected contribution rates and the estimated increases for your plan under the five different scenarios.

2014-17 Investment Return Scenario	Estimated Employer UAL Contribution			Estimated Total Change in Employer UAL Contribution between 2016-17 and 2019-20
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	
-3.8% (5th percentile)	\$ 514,364	\$ 688,440	\$ 917,654	\$ 522,553
2.8% (25th percentile)	\$ 484,520	\$ 600,326	\$ 744,188	\$ 349,087
7.5%	\$ 463,262	\$ 535,156	\$ 610,946	\$ 215,845
12.0%(75th percentile)	\$ 442,902	\$ 470,872	\$ 475,507	\$ 80,406
18.9%(95th percentile)	\$ 411,676	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (395,101)

In addition to the UAL Contribution amounts shown above the estimated employer normal cost of 19.6% of payroll will also be payable in each of the fiscal years shown above. The projected plan normal cost is expected to remain relatively stable over this time period.

Analysis of Discount Rate Sensitivity

The following analysis looks at the 2015-16 employer contributions under two different discount rate scenarios. Shown below are the employer contributions assuming discount rates that are 1 percent lower and 1 percent higher than the current valuation discount rate. This analysis gives an indication of the potential required employer contribution rates if the PERF were to realize investment returns of 6.50 percent or 8.50 percent over the long-term.

This type of analysis gives the reader a sense of the long-term risk to the employer contributions.

2015-16 Employer Contribution			
As of June 30, 2013	6.50% Discount Rate (-1%)	7.50% Discount Rate (assumed rate)	8.50% Discount Rate (+1%)
Plan's Employer Normal Cost	25.1%	18.5%	13.4%
Accrued Liability	\$ 35,821,655	\$ 31,655,484	\$ 28,212,438
Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 11,281,146	\$ 7,114,975	\$ 3,671,929

Hypothetical Termination Liability

Below is an estimate of the financial position of your plan if you had terminated your contract with CalPERS as of June 30, 2013 using the discount rates shown below. Your plan liability on a termination basis is calculated differently compared to the plan's ongoing funding liability. For this hypothetical termination liability both compensation and service is frozen as of the valuation date and no future pay increases or service accruals are included. In December 2012, the CalPERS Board adopted a more conservative investment policy and asset allocation strategy for the Terminated Agency Pool. Since the Terminated Agency Pool has limited funding sources, expected benefit payments are secured by risk-free assets. With this change, CalPERS increased benefit security for members while limiting its funding risk. This asset allocation has a lower expected rate of return than the PERF. Consequently, the lower discount rate for the Terminated Agency pool results in higher liabilities for terminated plans.

In order to terminate your plan, you must first contact our Retirement Services Contract Unit to initiate a Resolution of Intent to Terminate. The completed Resolution will allow your plan actuary to give you a preliminary termination valuation with a more up-to-date estimate of your plan liabilities. CalPERS advises you to consult with your plan actuary before beginning this process.

Valuation Date	Hypothetical Termination Liability ¹	Market Value of Assets (MVA)	Unfunded Termination Liability	Termination Funded Ratio	Termination Liability Discount Rate ²
06/30/2011	\$ 41,603,891	\$ 22,212,634	\$ 19,391,257	53.4%	\$ 4.82%
06/30/2012	58,563,693	22,588,206	35,975,487	38.6%	2.98%
06/30/2013	53,187,385	24,540,509	28,646,876	46.1%	3.72%

¹ The hypothetical liabilities calculated above include a 7 percent mortality load contingency in accordance with Board policy. Other actuarial assumptions, such as wage and inflation assumptions, can be found in appendix A.

² The discount rate assumption used for termination valuations is a weighted average of the 10 and 30-year US Treasury yields in effect on the valuation date that equal the duration of the pension liabilities. For purposes of this hypothetical termination liability estimate, the discount rate used, is the yield on the 30-year US Treasury Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities (STRIPS). Note that as of June 30, 2014 the 30-year STRIPS rate is 3.55 percent.

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Participant Data

The table below shows a summary of your plan's member data upon which this valuation is based:

	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2013
Projected Payroll for Contribution Purposes	\$ 2,327,945	\$ 2,378,371
Number of Members		
Active	21	21
Transferred	19	17
Separated	10	12
Retired	30	30

List of Class 1 Benefit Provisions

- One Year Final Compensation

Information for Compliance with GASB Statement No. 27 for Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Plan

Disclosure under GASB 27 follows. However, note that effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, GASB 68 replaces GASB 27. Disclosure required under GASB 68 will require additional reporting. CalPERS is intending to provide GASB 68 disclosure information upon request for an additional fee. We urge you to start discussions with your auditors on how to implement GASB 68.

Your plan is part of the Safety Risk Pool, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Under GASB 27, an employer should recognize annual pension expenditures/expense equal to its contractually required contributions to the plan. Pension liabilities and assets result from the difference between contributions required and contributions made. The contractually required contribution for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 has been determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of June 30, 2013. Your unadjusted contribution for the indicated period is a normal cost contribution of 18.524 percent of payroll and an unfunded accrued liability dollar amount of \$330,519. In order to calculate the dollar value of the contractually required contributions for inclusion in financial statements prepared as of June 30, 2016, this normal cost contribution rate, less any employee cost sharing, and as modified by any subsequent financing changes or contract amendments for the year, would be multiplied by the payroll of covered employees that was actually paid during the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 combined with the UAL amount of \$330,519. However, if this contribution is fully prepaid in a lump sum, then the dollar value of contractually required contributions is equal to the lump sum prepayment. The employer and the employer's auditor are responsible for determining the contractually required contributions. Further, the required contributions in dollars and the percentage of that amount contributed for the current year and each of the two preceding years is to be disclosed under GASB 27.

A summary of principal assumptions and methods used to determine the contractually required contributions is shown below for the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2013
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Payroll
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Actuarial Assumptions	
Discount Rate	7.50% (net of administrative expenses)
Projected Salary Increases	3.30% to 14.20% depending on Age, Service, and type of employment
Inflation	2.75%
Payroll Growth	3.00%
Individual Salary Growth	A merit scale varying by duration of employment coupled with an assumed annual inflation growth of 2.75% and an annual production growth of 0.25%.

Complete information on assumptions and methods is provided in Appendix A of the Section 2 report. Appendix B of the Section 2 report contains a description of benefits included in the Risk Pool Actuarial Valuation.

A Schedule of Funding for the Risk Pool's actuarial value of assets, accrued liability, their relationship, and the relationship of the unfunded liability (UL) to payroll for the risk pool(s) to which your plan belongs can be found in Section 2 of the report.

PLAN'S MAJOR BENEFIT OPTIONS

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Plan's Major Benefit Options

Shown below is a summary of the major optional benefits for which your agency has contracted. A description of principal standard and optional plan provisions is in Appendix B within Section 2 of this report.

Benefit Provision	Contract package	
	Receiving	Active Police
Benefit Formula		3.0% @ 50
Social Security Coverage		no
Full/Modified		full
Final Average Compensation Period		12 mos.
Sick Leave Credit		yes
Non-Industrial Disability		standard
Industrial Disability		yes
Pre-Retirement Death Benefits		
Optional Settlement 2W		yes
1959 Survivor Benefit Level		level 2
Special		yes
Alternate (firefighters)		no
Post-Retirement Death Benefits		
Lump Sum	\$500	\$500
Survivor Allowance (PRSA)	no	no
COLA	2%	2%

Section 2

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

**Section 2 may be found on the CalPERS website
(www.calpers.ca.gov) then selecting:**

- **Employers**
- **Actuarial & GASB 27 Information**
- **Risk Pooling**
- **Risk Pool Annual Valuation Report**



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**MISCELLANEOUS PLAN OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA
 (CalPERS ID: 2647630112)
 Annual Valuation Report as of June 30, 2013**

Dear Employer,

As an attachment to this letter, you will find a copy of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation report of your pension plan. Because this plan is in a risk pool and the CalPERS Board approved structural changes to risk pooling on May 21, 2014 you will notice some changes between your last actuarial report and this one. An overview of the changes to pooling is provided below and we urge you to carefully review the information provided in this report.

Because this plan is in a risk pool, the following valuation report has been separated into two Sections:

- Section 1 contains specific information for your plan, including the development of your pooled employer contributions and projected employer contributions, and
- Section 2 contains the Risk Pool Actuarial Valuation appropriate to your plan, as of June 30, 2013.

Section 2 can be found on the CalPERS website at (www.calpers.ca.gov) then select in order "Employers", "Actuarial, Risk Pooling & GASB 27 Information", "Risk Pooling", "Risk Pool Annual Valuation Reports", then select the appropriate pool report.

Your 2013 actuarial valuation report contains important actuarial information about your pension plan at CalPERS. Your CalPERS staff actuary, whose signature appears in the Actuarial Certification Section on page 1, is available to discuss your report with you after October 31, 2014.

Future Contribution Rates

Fiscal Year	Employer Normal Cost Rate	+	Employer Payment of Unfunded Liability
2015-16	9.671%		\$ 386,347
2016-17 (projected)	10.1%		\$ 441,370

The exhibit above displays the Minimum Employer Contributions, before any cost sharing, for 2015-16 along with estimates of the contributions for 2016-17. The estimated contributions for 2016-17 are based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimated 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal 2013-14, the impact of the new amortization methods adopted by the CalPERS Board in April 2013 that will impact employer rates for the first time in 2015-16 and new actuarial assumptions adopted by the CalPERS Board in February 2014 that will impact rates for the first time in 2016-17. These new demographic assumptions include a 20-year projected improvement in mortality.

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Plan's Major Benefit Options

Shown below is a summary of the major optional benefits for which your agency has contracted. A description of principal standard and optional plan provisions is in Appendix B within Section 2 of this report.

Benefit Provision	Contract package				
	Receiving	Active Misc	Active Misc	Active Misc	Active Misc
Benefit Formula		2.0% @ 55	2.0% @ 55	2.5% @ 55	2.5% @ 55
Social Security Coverage		yes	no	yes	no
Full/Modified		modified	full	modified	full
Final Average Compensation Period		12 mos.	12 mos.	12 mos.	12 mos.
Sick Leave Credit		yes	yes	yes	yes
Non-Industrial Disability		standard	standard	standard	standard
Industrial Disability		no	no	no	no
Pre-Retirement Death Benefits					
Optional Settlement 2W		yes	yes	yes	yes
1959 Survivor Benefit Level		no	level 2	no	level 2
Special		no	no	no	no
Alternate (firefighters)		no	no	no	no
Post-Retirement Death Benefits					
Lump Sum	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Survivor Allowance (PRSA)	no	no	no	no	no
COLA	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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A projection of employer contributions beyond 2016-17 can be found in the Risk Analysis Section of this report, "Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios", under a variety of investment return scenarios. Please disregard any projections provided to you in the past. Member contributions, other than cost sharing (whether paid by the employer or the employee), are in addition to the above amounts. The employer contributions in this report do not reflect any cost sharing arrangements you may have with your employees.

The estimate for 2016-17 also assumes that there are no future contract amendments and no liability gains or losses (such as larger than expected pay increases, more retirements than expected, etc.) This is a very important assumption because these gains and losses do occur and can have a significant effect on your contributions. Even for the largest plans or pools, such gains and losses can impact the employer's contribution rate by one or two percent of payroll or even more in some less common circumstances. These gains and losses cannot be predicted in advance so the projected employer contributions are estimates. Your actual employer contributions for 2016-17 will be provided in next year's valuation report.

Changes since the Prior Year's Valuation

On April 17, 2013, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved a recommendation to change the CalPERS amortization and rate smoothing policies. Beginning with the June 30, 2013 valuations that set the 2015-16 rates, CalPERS will employ an amortization and smoothing policy that will pay for all gains and losses over a fixed 30-year period with the increases or decreases in the rate spread directly over a 5-year period. The impact of this new actuarial methodology is reflected in the "*Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios*" subsection of the "*Risk Analysis*" section of your report.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. In addition to creating new retirement formulas for newly hired members PEPRA also effectively closed all existing active risk pools to new employees. As such it is no longer appropriate to assume that the payroll of the risk pools for the classic formulas will continue to grow at 3 percent annually. Funding the promised pension benefits as a percentage of payroll would lead to the underfunding of the plans. In addition the current allocation of the existing unfunded liabilities based on payroll would create equity issues for employers within the risk pools. Furthermore the declining payroll of the classic formula risk pools will lead to unacceptable levels of employer rate volatility.

In order to address these issues the CalPERS Board of Administration approved at their May 21, 2014 meeting structural changes to the risk pools. All pooled plans will be combined into two active pools, one for all miscellaneous groups and one for all safety groups, effective with the 2013 valuations. By combining the pools this way the payroll of the risk pools and the employers within the pools can once again be expected to increase at the assumed 3 percent annual growth. However two important changes are being made which will affect employers.

1. Beginning with FY 2015-16 CalPERS will collect employer contributions toward your unfunded liability and side fund as dollar amounts instead of the prior method of a contribution rate. This change will address the funding issue that would still arise from the declining population of classic formula members. Although employers will be invoiced at the beginning of the fiscal year for their unfunded liability and side fund

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payments the plan's normal cost contribution will continue to be collected as a percentage of payroll.

2. The pool's unfunded liability will be allocated to each individual plan based on the plan's total liability rather than by plan individual payroll. This will allow employers to track their own unfunded liability and pay it down faster if they choose. The change in the allocation of unfunded liabilities will result in some employers paying more towards their unfunded liability and some paying less.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. The impact of the PEPRA changes are included in the rates and the benefit provision listings of the June 30, 2013 valuation for the 2015-16 rates. For more information on PEPRA, please refer to the CalPERS website.

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns. The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The Board also approved several changes to the demographic assumptions that more closely align with actual experience. The most significant of these is mortality improvement to acknowledge the greater life expectancies we are seeing in our membership and expected continued improvements. The new actuarial assumptions will be used to set the FY 2016-17 contribution rates for public agency employers. The increase in liability due to new actuarial assumptions will be calculated in the 2014 actuarial valuation and will be amortized over a 20-year period with a 5-year ramp-up/ramp-down in accordance with Board policy.

Besides the above noted changes, there may also be changes specific to your plan such as contract amendments and funding changes.

Further descriptions of general changes are included in the *"Highlights and Executive Summary"* section and in Appendix A, *"Statement of Actuarial Data, Methods and Assumptions"* of your section 2 report. We understand that you might have a number of questions about these results. While we are very interested in discussing these results with your agency, in the interest of allowing us to give every public agency their result, we ask that, you wait until after October 31 to contact us with actuarial related questions.

If you have other questions, please call our customer contact center at (888) CalPERS or (888-225-7377).

Sincerely,



ALAN MILLIGAN
Chief Actuary

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ACTUARIAL VALUATION

as of June 30, 2013

**for the
MISCELLANEOUS PLAN
of the
CITY OF CAPITOLA
(CalPERS ID: 2647630112)**

**REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR
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ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATION

Section 1 of this report is based on the member and financial data contained in our records as of June 30, 2013 which was provided by your agency and the benefit provisions under your contract with CalPERS. Section 2 of this report is based on the member and financial data as of June 30, 2013 provided by employers participating in the SAFETY risk pool to which your plan belongs and benefit provisions under the CalPERS contracts for those agencies.

As set forth in Section 2 of this report, the Pool Actuary has certified that, in their opinion, the valuation of the Risk Pool containing your MISCELLANEOUS PLAN has been performed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles consistent with standards of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the assumptions and methods are internally consistent and reasonable for the Risk Pool as of the date of this valuation and as prescribed by the CalPERS Board of Administration according to provisions set forth in the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.

Having relied upon the information set forth in Section 2 of this report and based on the census and benefit provision information for your plan, it is my opinion as your Plan Actuary that the Side Fund and other Unfunded Accrued Liability bases as of June 30, 2013 and employer contribution rate as of July 1, 2015, have been properly and accurately determined in accordance with the principles and standards stated above.

The undersigned is an actuary for CalPERS, who is a member of both the American Academy of Actuaries and Society of Actuaries and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.



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Plan Actuary

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HIGHLIGHTS AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Introduction

This report presents the results of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation of the MISCELLANEOUS PLAN of the CITY OF CAPITOLA of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). This actuarial valuation was used to set the 2015-16 required employer contribution rates.

On April 17, 2013, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved a recommendation to change the CalPERS amortization and rate smoothing policies. Beginning with the June 30, 2013 valuations that set the 2015-16 rates, CalPERS will employ an amortization and smoothing policy that will pay for all gains and losses over a fixed 30-year period with the increases or decreases in the rate spread directly over a 5-year period. The impact of this new actuarial methodology is reflected in the *"Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios"* subsection of the *"Risk Analysis"* section of your report.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. In addition to creating new retirement formulas for newly hired members PEPRA also effectively closed all existing active risk pools to new employees. As such it is no longer appropriate to assume that the payroll of the risk pools for the classic formulas will continue to grow at 3 percent annually. Funding the promised pension benefits as a percentage of payroll would lead to the underfunding of the plans. In addition the current allocation of the existing unfunded liabilities based on payroll would create equity issues for employers within the risk pools. Furthermore the declining payroll of the classic formula risk pools will lead to unacceptable levels of employer rate volatility.

In order to address these issues the CalPERS Board of Administration approved at their May 21, 2014 meeting structural changes to the risk pools. All pooled plans will be combined into two active pools, one for all miscellaneous groups and one for all safety groups, effective with the 2013 valuations. By combining the pools this way the payroll of the risk pools and the employers within the pools can once again be expected to increase at the assumed 3 percent annual growth. However two important changes are being made which will affect employers.

1. Beginning with FY 2015-16 CalPERS will collect employer contributions toward your unfunded liability and side fund as dollar amounts instead of the prior method of a contribution rate. This change will address the funding issue that would still arise from the declining population of classic formula members. Although employers will be invoiced at the beginning of the fiscal year for their unfunded liability and side fund payments the plan's normal cost contribution will continue to be collected as a percentage of payroll.
2. The pool's unfunded liability will be allocated to each individual plan based on the plan's total liability rather than by the plan's individual payroll. This will allow employers to track their own unfunded liability and pay it down faster if they choose. The change in the allocation of unfunded liabilities will result in some employers paying more towards their unfunded liability and some paying less.

The impact of most of the PEPRA changes will first show up in the rates and the benefit provision listings of the June 30, 2013 valuation that sets the contribution rates for the 2015-16 fiscal year. For more detailed information on changes due to PEPRA, please refer to the CalPERS website.

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns (see Appendix). The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The Board also approved several changes to the demographic assumptions that more closely align with actual experience. The most significant of these is mortality improvement to acknowledge the greater life expectancies we are seeing in our membership and expected continued improvements. The new actuarial assumptions will be used to set the FY 2016-17 contribution rates for public agency employers. The increase in liability due to new actuarial assumptions will be calculated in the 2014 actuarial valuation and will be amortized over a 20-year period with a 5-year ramp-up/ramp-down in accordance with Board policy.

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Purpose of Section 1

This section 1 report for the MISCELLANEOUS PLAN of the CITY OF CAPITOLA of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) was prepared by the Plan Actuary in order to:

- Set forth the assets and accrued liabilities of this plan as of June 30, 2013;
- Determine the required employer contribution for this plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016;
- Provide actuarial information as of June 30, 2013 to the CalPERS Board of Administration and other interested parties; and
- Provide pension information as of June 30, 2013 to be used in financial reports subject to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 27 for a Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

The use of this report for any other purposes may be inappropriate. In particular, this report does not contain information applicable to alternative benefit costs. The employer should contact their actuary before disseminating any portion of this report for any reason that is not explicitly described above.

California Actuarial Advisory Panel Recommendations

This report includes all the basic disclosure elements as described in the *Model Disclosure Elements for Actuarial Valuation Reports* recommended in 2011 by the California Actuarial Advisory Panel (CAAP), with the exception of including the original base amounts of the various components of the unfunded liability in the Schedule of Amortization Bases shown on page 12.

Additionally, this report includes the following "Enhanced Risk Disclosures" also recommended by the CAAP in the Model Disclosure Elements document:

- A "Deterministic Stress Test," projecting future results under different investment income scenarios
- A "Sensitivity Analysis," showing the impact on current valuation results using a 1 percent plus or minus change in the discount rate.

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Required Employer Contribution

Actuarially Determined Employer Contributions:	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2014-15 ¹	2015-16
Employer Contributions (in Projected Dollars)		
Plan's Employer Normal Cost	\$ 294,207	\$ 288,414
Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases	206,335	386,347 ²
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits ³		
a) FAC 1	18,719	19,213
Phase out of Normal Cost Difference ⁴	0	0
Amortization of Side Fund	36,227	0
Total Employer Contribution	\$ 555,488	\$ 693,974
Projected Payroll for the Contribution Fiscal Year	\$ 3,307,177	\$ 3,180,918
Required Employer Contributions (Percentage of Payroll)		
Plan's Net Employer Normal Cost	8.896%	9.067%
Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases	6.239%	12.145% ²
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits ³		
a) FAC 1	0.566%	0.604%
Phase out of Normal Cost Difference ⁴	0.000%	0.000%
Amortization of Side Fund	1.095%	0.000%
Total Employer Contribution Rate	16.796%	21.816%

Required Employer Contribution for FY 2015-16	
Employer Contribution Rate⁵	9.671%
Plus Monthly Employer Dollar UAL Payment⁶	\$ 32,196
Annual Lump Sum Prepayment Option	\$ 372,626

*For FY 2015-16 the total minimum required employer contribution is the **sum** of the Plan's Employer Contribution Rate (expressed as a percentage of payroll) **plus** the Employer Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) Contribution Amount (in dollars). Whereas in prior years it was possible to prepay total employer contributions for the fiscal year, beginning with FY 2015-16 and beyond, only the UAL portion of the employer contribution can be prepaid.*

¹ The results shown for FY 2014-15 reflect the prior year valuation and do not reflect any lump sum payment, side fund payoff or rate adjustment made after annual valuation report is completed.

² For FY 2015-16 the Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases reflects the sum of all UAL amortization bases including the Plan's Side Fund (where applicable).

³ Section 2 of this report contains a list of Class 1 benefits and corresponding surcharges for each benefit.

⁴ Risk pooling was implemented for most plans as of June 30, 2003. The normal cost difference was scheduled to be phased out over a five year period. The phase out of normal cost difference is 100 percent for the first year of pooling, and is incrementally reduced by 20 percent of the original normal cost difference for each subsequent year.

⁵ The minimum employer contribution under PEPRA is the greater of the required employer contribution or the total employer normal cost.

⁶ The Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases Contribution amount for FY 2015-16 will be billed as a level dollar amount monthly over the course of the year. Late payments will accrue interest at an annual rate of 7.5 percent. Lump sum payments may be made through my|CalPERS. Plan Normal Cost contributions will be made as part of the payroll reporting process. As a percentage of payroll your UAL contribution is 12.145 percent.

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Plan's Funded Status

	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2013
1. Present Value of Projected Benefits (PVB)	\$ 31,477,535	\$ 32,370,186
2. Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability	27,660,904	28,672,245
3. Plan's Market Value of Assets (MVA)	19,624,525	21,554,138
4. Unfunded Liability [(2) - (3)]	8,036,379	7,118,107
5. Funded Ratio [(3) / (2)]	71.0%	75.2%

Projected Contributions

The contribution rate and amount shown below is an estimate for the employer contribution for fiscal year 2016-17. The estimated contribution is based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimate of the investment return for fiscal year 2013-14, namely 18.0 percent. It also reflects implementation of the direct rate smoothing method and the impact of new actuarial assumptions.

Projected Employer Contribution Rate:	10.1%
Projected Plan UAL Contribution	\$ 441,370

The estimate also assumes that there are no liability gains or losses among the plans in your risk pool, that your plan has no new amendments in the next year, and that your plan's and your risk pool's payrolls both increase exactly 3.0 percent in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Therefore, the projected employer contribution for 2016-17 is strictly an estimate. Your actual rate for 2016-17 will be provided in next year's valuation report. A more detailed analysis of your projected employer contributions over the next five years can be found in the "Risk Analysis" section of this report.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN'S SHARE OF POOL'S UAL**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN'S SHARE OF POOL'S MVA**
- **SCHEDULE OF PLAN'S SIDE FUND & OTHER AMORTIZATION BASES**
- **ALTERNATIVE AMORTIZATION SCHEDULES**
- **FUNDING HISTORY**
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Development of the Plan's Share of Pool's Unfunded Accrued Liability

It is the policy of the CalPERS to ensure equity within the risk pools by allocating the pool's unfunded accrued liability in a manner that treats each employer fairly and that maintains benefit security for the members of the System while minimizing substantial variations in employer contributions. Commencing with the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuations and for purposes of allocating the pool's unfunded accrued liability to all the individual plans within the pool, an individual plan's total unfunded accrued liability (Preliminary Plan UAL) on a specific valuation date will be set equal to the sum of the outstanding unamortized balances on the valuation date for the following:

- a) Side Fund
- b) Plan's share of Pool UAL due to benefit changes (including golden handshakes) provided to the members of that plan
- c) Plan's share of the Pool UAL created before the valuation date for reasons other than benefit changes

1.	Plan's Accrued Liability	\$	28,672,245
2.	Plan's Side Fund		383,679
3.	Increase in Plan's AL for amendments in FY 2012-13		0
4.	Pool's Accrued Liability	\$	2,389,797,201
5.	Sum of Pool's Individual Plan Side Funds		83,573,887
6.	Increase in Pool's AL for amendments in FY 2012-13		964,580
7.	Pre-2013 Pool's UAL	\$	319,504,744
8.	Plan's Share of Pre-2013 Pool's UAL [(1)-(2)-(3)]/[(4)-(5)-(6)] * (7)	\$	3,920,745
9.	Pool's 2013 Investment & Asset (Gain)/Loss		231,453,080
10.	Pool's 2013 Other (Gain)/Loss		(2,213,098)
11.	Plan's Share of Pool's Asset (Gain)/Loss [(1)-(2)-(3)]/[(4)-(5)-(6)] * (9)		2,840,235
12.	Plan's Share of Pool's Other (Gain)/Loss [(1)]/[(4)] * (10)		(26,552)
13.	Plan's UAL as of 6/30/2013 [(2)+(8)+(11)+(12)]	\$	7,118,107

Development of the Plan's Share of Pool's Market Value of Assets

1.	Plan's Accrued Liability	\$	28,672,245
2.	Plan's UAL	\$	7,118,107
3.	Plan's Share of Pool's MVA (1)-(2)	\$	21,554,138

Schedule of Plan's Side Fund and Other Amortization Bases

There is a two-year lag between the Valuation Date and the Contribution Fiscal Year.

- The assets, liabilities and funded status of the plan are measured as of the valuation date; June 30, 2013.
- The employer contribution determined by the valuation is for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date; fiscal year 2015-16.

This two-year lag is necessary due to the amount of time needed to extract and test the membership and financial data, and due to the need to provide public agencies with their employer contribution well in advance of the start of the fiscal year.

The Unfunded Liability is used to determine the employer contribution and therefore must be rolled forward two years from the valuation date to the first day of the fiscal year for which the contribution is being determined. The Unfunded Liability is rolled forward each year by subtracting the expected Payment on the Unfunded Liability for the fiscal year and adjusting for interest. The Expected Payment on the Unfunded Liability for a fiscal year is equal to the Expected Employer Contribution for the fiscal year minus the Expected Normal Cost for the year. The Employer Contribution Rate for the first fiscal year is determined by the actuarial valuation two years ago and the rate for the second year is from the actuarial valuation one year ago. The Normal Cost Rate for each of the two fiscal years is assumed to be the same as the rate determined by the current valuation. All expected dollar amounts, with the exception of the Side Fund base, are determined by multiplying the rate by the expected payroll for the applicable fiscal year, based on payroll as of the valuation date.

Reason for Base	Date Established	Amortization Period	Balance 6/30/13	Expected Payment 2013-14	Balance 6/30/14	Expected Payment 2014-15	Amounts for Fiscal 2015-16		
							Balance 6/30/15	Scheduled Payment for 2015-16	Payment as Percentage of Payroll
SIDE FUND	06/30/13	13	\$383,679	\$35,172	\$375,988	\$36,227	\$366,626	\$37,314	1.173%
SHARE OF PRE-2013 POOL UAL	06/30/13	21	\$3,920,745	\$157,160	\$4,051,854	\$206,824	\$4,141,303	\$303,300	9.535%
ASSET (GAIN)/LOSS	06/30/13	30	\$2,840,235	\$0	\$3,053,253	\$0	\$3,282,247	\$46,165	1.451%
NON-ASSET (GAIN)/LOSS	06/30/13	30	\$(26,552)	\$0	\$(28,543)	\$0	\$(30,684)	\$(432)	(0.014%)
TOTAL			\$7,118,107	\$192,332	\$7,452,552	\$243,051	\$7,759,492	\$386,347	12.145%

Commencing with the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuations, the side fund will be treated as a liability as opposed to an asset. Prior to June 30, 2013, a positive side fund conveyed that a public agency had a surplus when risk pooling began June 30, 2003. Conversely, a negative side fund signified that a public agency had an unfunded liability that required elimination through an amortization payment schedule. After June 30, 2013 a positive side fund will signify that an agency has an unfunded liability while a negative side fund will indicate a surplus asset. The amortization schedule will remain unchanged, with the exception that a plan with a negative side fund may have its amortization period extended at the discretion of the plan actuary.

Your plan's allocated share of the risk's pool's unfunded accrued liability is based on your plan's accrued liability and is amortized over the average amortization period of the combined existing amortization bases prior to June 30, 2013. The payments on this base for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and 2014-15 are allocated by your plan's payroll.

The (gain)/loss base is your plan's allocated share of the risk pool's asset gain/loss for the Fiscal Year 2012-13, the change in unfunded accrued liability due to direct rate smoothing and your plan's allocated share of the risk pool's other liability gains and losses for fiscal year 2012-13. This base will be amortized according to Board policy over 30 years with a 5-year ramp-up.

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Alternate Amortization Schedules

The amortization schedule shown on the previous page shows the minimum contributions required according to CalPERS amortization policy. There has been considerable interest from many agencies in paying off these unfunded accrued liabilities sooner and the possible savings in doing so. As a result, we have provided alternate amortization schedules to help analyze your current amortization schedule and illustrate the advantages of accelerating unfunded liability payments towards your plan's unfunded liability of \$7,759,492 as of June 30, 2015, which will require total payments of \$18,641,179.

Shown below are the level rate payments required to amortize your plan's unfunded liability assuming a fresh start over the various periods noted. Note that the payments under each scenario would increase by 3 percent for each year into the future.

Period	Level Rate			
	2015-16 Payment	Total Payments	Total Interest	Savings
20	\$ 585,884	\$ 15,742,922	\$ 7,983,430	\$ 2,898,257
15	\$ 711,309	\$ 13,229,575	\$ 5,470,083	\$ 5,411,604

Current CalPERS Board policy calls for lump sum contributions in excess of the required employer contribution shall first be used to eliminate the side fund, if applicable, and then the plan's share of the pool's unfunded accrued liability.

Please contact your plan actuary before making such a payment to ensure that the payment is applied correctly.

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Funding History

The Funding History below shows the actuarial accrued liability, the plan's share of the pool's market value of assets, plan's share of the pool's unfunded liability, funded ratio and the annual covered payroll.

Valuation Date	Accrued Liability (AL)	Share of Pool's Market Value of Assets (MVA)	Plan's Share of Pool's Unfunded Liability	Funded Ratio	Annual Covered Payroll
06/30/2011	\$ 25,715,152	\$ 19,367,109	\$ 6,348,043	75.3%	\$ 3,143,049
06/30/2012	27,660,904	19,624,525	8,036,379	71.0%	3,026,536
06/30/2013	28,672,245	21,554,138	7,118,107	75.2%	2,910,991

Plan's Total Normal Cost Rate

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 requires that new employees pay at least 50 percent of the total annual normal cost and that current employees approach the same goal through collective bargaining. Please refer to the CalPERS website for more details.

Shown below are the total annual normal cost rates for your plan.

	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16
Plan's Net Total Normal Cost Rate for 2.5% @ 55	16.788%	17.009%
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits		
a) FAC 1	<u>0.566%</u>	<u>0.604%</u>
Plan's Total Normal Cost Rate	17.354%	17.613%

RISK ANALYSIS

- **VOLATILITY RATIOS**
- **PROJECTED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**
- **ANALYSIS OF FUTURE INVESTMENT RETURN SCENARIOS**
- **ANALYSIS OF DISCOUNT RATE SENSITIVITY**
- **HYPOTHETICAL TERMINATION LIABILITY**

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Volatility Ratios

The actuarial calculations supplied in this communication are based on a number of assumptions about very long-term demographic and economic behavior. Unless these assumptions (terminations, deaths, disabilities, retirements, salary growth, and investment return) are exactly realized each year, there will be differences on a year-to-year basis. The year-to-year differences between actual experience and the assumptions are called actuarial gains and losses and serve to lower or raise the employer's rates from one year to the next. Therefore, the rates will inevitably fluctuate, especially due to the ups and downs of investment returns.

Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR)

Plans that have higher asset to payroll ratios produce more volatile employer rates due to investment return. For example, a plan with an asset to payroll ratio of 8 may experience twice the contribution volatility due to investment return volatility, than a plan with an asset to payroll ratio of 4. Below we have shown your asset volatility ratio, a measure of the plan's current rate volatility. It should be noted that this ratio is a measure of the current situation. It increases over time but generally tends to stabilize as the plan matures.

Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR)

Plans that have higher liability to payroll ratios produce more volatile employer rates due to investment return and changes in liability. For example, a plan with a liability to payroll ratio of 8 is expected to have twice the contribution volatility of a plan with a liability to payroll ratio of 4. The liability volatility ratio is also included in the table below. It should be noted that this ratio indicates a longer-term potential for contribution volatility and the asset volatility ratio, described above, will tend to move closer to this ratio as the plan matures.

Rate Volatility	As of June 30, 2013	
1. Market Value of Assets	\$	21,554,138
2. Payroll		2,910,991
3. Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR = 1. / 2.)		7.4
4. Accrued Liability	\$	28,672,245
5. Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR = 4. / 2.)		9.8

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Projected Employer Contributions

The estimated rate for 2016-17 is based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimated 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal 2013-14, the impact of the new smoothing methods adopted by the CalPERS Board in April 2013 that will impact employer rates for the first time in 2015-16 and new actuarial assumptions adopted by the CalPERS Board in February 2014. These new demographic assumptions include a 20-year projected improvement in mortality. A complete listing of the new demographic assumptions to be implemented with the June 30, 2014 annual actuarial valuation and incorporated in the projected rates for FY 2016-17 and beyond can be found on the CalPERS website at: <http://www.calpers.ca.gov/eip-docs/about/pubs/employer/actuarial-assumptions.xls>

The table below shows projected employer contribution rates (before cost sharing) for the next five Fiscal Years, **assuming CalPERS earns 18.0% for fiscal year 2013-14 and 7.50 percent every fiscal year thereafter**, and assuming that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur between now and the beginning of the fiscal year 2016-17.

	New Rate	Projected Future Employer Contribution Rates				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Normal Cost %:	9.671%	10.1%	10.1%	10.1%	10.1%	10.1%
UAL \$	\$ 386,347	\$ 441,370	\$ 499,345	\$ 560,404	\$ 624,674	\$ 639,280

Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns. The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The newly adopted asset allocation has a lower expected investment volatility that will result in better risk characteristics than an equivalent margin for adverse deviation. The current asset allocation has an expected standard deviation of 12.45 percent while the newly adopted asset allocation has a lower expected standard deviation of 11.76 percent.

The investment return for fiscal year 2013-14 was announced July 14, 2014. The investment return in fiscal year 2013-14 is 18.42 percent before administrative expenses. This year, there will be no adjustment for real estate and private equities. For purposes of projecting future employer rates, we are assuming a 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal year 2013-14.

The investment return realized during a fiscal year first affects the contribution rate for the fiscal year 2 years later. Specifically, the investment return for 2013-14 will first be reflected in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation that will be used to set the 2016-17 employer contribution rates, the 2014-15 investment return will first be reflected in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation that will be used to set the 2017-18 employer contribution rates and so forth.

Based on a 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal year 2013-14, the April 17, 2013 CalPERS Board-approved amortization and rate smoothing method change, the February 18, 2014 new demographic assumptions including 20-year mortality improvement using Scale BB and assuming that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized, and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur between now and the beginning of the fiscal year 2016-17, the effect on the 2016-17 Employer Rate is as follows:

	Estimated 2016-17 Employer Contribution	Estimated Increase in Employer Contribution between 2015-16 and 2016-17
Normal Cost %:	10.1%	0.4%
UAL \$	\$ 441,370	\$ 55,023

As part of this report, a sensitivity analysis was performed to determine the effects of various investment returns during fiscal years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 on the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 employer rates. Once again, the projected rate increases assume that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur.

Five different investment return scenarios were selected.

- The first scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 5th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 5th percentile return corresponds to a -3.8 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- The second scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 25th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 25th percentile return corresponds to a 2.8 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- The third scenario assumed the return for 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 would be our assumed 7.5 percent investment return which represents about a 49th percentile event.
- The fourth scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 75th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 75th percentile return corresponds to a 12.0 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- Finally, the last scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 95th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 95th percentile return corresponds to a 18.9 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.

The table below shows the estimated projected contribution rates and the estimated increases for your plan under the five different scenarios.

2014-17 Investment Return Scenario	Estimated Employer UAL Contribution			Estimated Total Change in Employer UAL Contribution between 2016-17 and 2019-20
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	
-3.8% (5th percentile)	\$ 544,897	\$ 697,565	\$ 900,189	\$ 458,819
2.8% (25th percentile)	\$ 518,293	\$ 618,709	\$ 744,329	\$ 302,959
7.5%	\$ 499,345	\$ 560,404	\$ 624,674	\$ 183,304
12.0%(75th percentile)	\$ 481,201	\$ 502,905	\$ 503,093	\$ 61,723
18.9%(95th percentile)	\$ 453,376	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (441,370)

In addition to the UAL Contribution amounts shown above the estimated employer normal cost of 10.1% of payroll will also be payable in each of the fiscal years shown above. The projected plan normal cost is expected to remain relatively stable over this time period.

Analysis of Discount Rate Sensitivity

The following analysis looks at the 2015-16 employer contributions under two different discount rate scenarios. Shown below are the employer contributions assuming discount rates that are 1 percent lower and 1 percent higher than the current valuation discount rate. This analysis gives an indication of the potential required employer contribution rates if the PERF were to realize investment returns of 6.50 percent or 8.50 percent over the long-term.

This type of analysis gives the reader a sense of the long-term risk to the employer contributions.

2015-16 Employer Contribution			
As of June 30, 2013	6.50% Discount Rate (-1%)	7.50% Discount Rate (assumed rate)	8.50% Discount Rate (+1%)
Plan's Employer Normal Cost	13.6%	9.7%	6.6%
Accrued Liability	\$ 32,305,994	\$ 28,672,245	\$ 25,638,983
Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 10,751,856	\$ 7,118,107	\$ 4,084,845

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Hypothetical Termination Liability

Below is an estimate of the financial position of your plan if you had terminated your contract with CalPERS as of June 30, 2013 using the discount rates shown below. Your plan liability on a termination basis is calculated differently compared to the plan's ongoing funding liability. For this hypothetical termination liability both compensation and service is frozen as of the valuation date and no future pay increases or service accruals are included. In December 2012, the CalPERS Board adopted a more conservative investment policy and asset allocation strategy for the Terminated Agency Pool. Since the Terminated Agency Pool has limited funding sources, expected benefit payments are secured by risk-free assets. With this change, CalPERS increased benefit security for members while limiting its funding risk. This asset allocation has a lower expected rate of return than the PERF. Consequently, the lower discount rate for the Terminated Agency pool results in higher liabilities for terminated plans.

In order to terminate your plan, you must first contact our Retirement Services Contract Unit to initiate a Resolution of Intent to Terminate. The completed Resolution will allow your plan actuary to give you a preliminary termination valuation with a more up-to-date estimate of your plan liabilities. CalPERS advises you to consult with your plan actuary before beginning this process.

Valuation Date	Hypothetical Termination Liability ¹	Market Value of Assets (MVA)	Unfunded Termination Liability	Termination Funded Ratio	Termination Liability Discount Rate ²
06/30/2011	\$ 36,065,178	\$ 19,367,109	\$ 16,698,069	53.7%	\$ 4.82%
06/30/2012	49,894,471	19,624,525	30,269,946	39.3%	2.98%
06/30/2013	46,285,486	21,554,138	24,731,348	46.6%	3.72%

¹ The hypothetical liabilities calculated above include a 7 percent mortality load contingency in accordance with Board policy. Other actuarial assumptions, such as wage and inflation assumptions, can be found in appendix A.

² The discount rate assumption used for termination valuations is a weighted average of the 10 and 30-year US Treasury yields in effect on the valuation date that equal the duration of the pension liabilities. For purposes of this hypothetical termination liability estimate, the discount rate used, is the yield on the 30-year US Treasury Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities (STRIPS). Note that as of June 30, 2014 the 30-year STRIPS rate is 3.55 percent.

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Participant Data

The table below shows a summary of your plan's member data upon which this valuation is based:

	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2013
Projected Payroll for Contribution Purposes	\$ 3,307,177	\$ 3,180,918
Number of Members		
Active	49	47
Transferred	29	33
Separated	18	19
Retired	56	59

List of Class 1 Benefit Provisions

- One Year Final Compensation

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Information for Compliance with GASB Statement No. 27 for Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Plan

Disclosure under GASB 27 follows. However, note that effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, GASB 68 replaces GASB 27. Disclosure required under GASB 68 will require additional reporting. CalPERS is intending to provide GASB 68 disclosure information upon request for an additional fee. We urge you to start discussions with your auditors on how to implement GASB 68.

Your plan is part of the Miscellaneous Risk Pool, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Under GASB 27, an employer should recognize annual pension expenditures/expense equal to its contractually required contributions to the plan. Pension liabilities and assets result from the difference between contributions required and contributions made. The contractually required contribution for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 has been determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of June 30, 2013. Your unadjusted contribution for the indicated period is a normal cost contribution of 9.671 percent of payroll and an unfunded accrued liability dollar amount of \$386,347. In order to calculate the dollar value of the contractually required contributions for inclusion in financial statements prepared as of June 30, 2016, this normal cost contribution rate, less any employee cost sharing, and as modified by any subsequent financing changes or contract amendments for the year, would be multiplied by the payroll of covered employees that was actually paid during the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 combined with the UAL amount of \$386,347. However, if this contribution is fully prepaid in a lump sum, then the dollar value of contractually required contributions is equal to the lump sum prepayment. The employer and the employer's auditor are responsible for determining the contractually required contributions. Further, the required contributions in dollars and the percentage of that amount contributed for the current year and each of the two preceding years is to be disclosed under GASB 27.

A summary of principal assumptions and methods used to determine the contractually required contributions is shown below for the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2013
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Payroll
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Actuarial Assumptions	
Discount Rate	7.50% (net of administrative expenses)
Projected Salary Increases	3.30% to 14.20% depending on Age, Service, and type of employment
Inflation	2.75%
Payroll Growth	3.00%
Individual Salary Growth	A merit scale varying by duration of employment coupled with an assumed annual inflation growth of 2.75% and an annual production growth of 0.25%.

Complete information on assumptions and methods is provided in Appendix A of the Section 2 report. Appendix B of the Section 2 report contains a description of benefits included in the Risk Pool Actuarial Valuation.

A Schedule of Funding for the Risk Pool's actuarial value of assets, accrued liability, their relationship, and the relationship of the unfunded liability (UL) to payroll for the risk pool(s) to which your plan belongs can be found in Section 2 of the report.

PLAN'S MAJOR BENEFIT OPTIONS

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October 2014

**PEPRA MISCELLANEOUS PLAN OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA
 (CalPERS ID: 2647630112)
 Annual Valuation Report as of June 30, 2013**

Dear Employer,

As an attachment to this letter, you will find a copy of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation report of your pension plan. Because this plan is in a risk pool and the CalPERS Board approved structural changes to risk pooling on May 21, 2014 you will notice some changes between your last actuarial report and this one. An overview of the changes to pooling is provided below and we urge you to carefully review the information provided in this report.

Because this plan is in a risk pool, the following valuation report has been separated into two Sections:

- Section 1 contains specific information for your plan, including the development of your pooled employer contributions and projected employer contributions, and
- Section 2 contains the Risk Pool Actuarial Valuation appropriate to your plan, as of June 30, 2013.

Section 2 can be found on the CalPERS website at (www.calpers.ca.gov) then select in order "Employers", "Actuarial, Risk Pooling & GASB 27 Information", "Risk Pooling", "Risk Pool Annual Valuation Reports", then select the appropriate pool report.

Your 2013 actuarial valuation report contains important actuarial information about your pension plan at CalPERS. Your CalPERS staff actuary, whose signature appears in the Actuarial Certification Section on page 1, is available to discuss your report with you after October 31, 2014.

Future Contribution Rates

Fiscal Year	Employer Normal Cost Rate	+	Employer Payment of Unfunded Liability
2015-16	6.237%		\$ 0
2016-17 (projected)	6.8%		\$ 0

The exhibit above displays the Minimum Employer Contributions, before any cost sharing, for 2015-16 along with estimates of the contributions for 2016-17. The estimated contributions for 2016-17 are based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimated 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal 2013-14, the impact of the new amortization methods adopted by the CalPERS Board in April 2013 that will impact employer rates for the first time in 2015-16 and new actuarial assumptions adopted by the CalPERS Board in February 2014 that will impact rates for the first time in 2016-17. These new demographic assumptions include a 20-year projected improvement in mortality.

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A projection of employer contributions beyond 2016-17 can be found in the Risk Analysis Section of this report, "Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios", under a variety of investment return scenarios. Please disregard any projections provided to you in the past. Member contributions, other than cost sharing (whether paid by the employer or the employee), are in addition to the above amounts. The employer contributions in this report do not reflect any cost sharing arrangements you may have with your employees.

The estimate for 2016-17 also assumes that there are no future contract amendments and no liability gains or losses (such as larger than expected pay increases, more retirements than expected, etc.) This is a very important assumption because these gains and losses do occur and can have a significant effect on your contributions. Even for the largest plans or pools, such gains and losses can impact the employer's contribution rate by one or two percent of payroll or even more in some less common circumstances. These gains and losses cannot be predicted in advance so the projected employer contributions are estimates. Your actual employer contributions for 2016-17 will be provided in next year's valuation report.

Changes since the Prior Year's Valuation

On April 17, 2013, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved a recommendation to change the CalPERS amortization and rate smoothing policies. Beginning with the June 30, 2013 valuations that set the 2015-16 rates, CalPERS will employ an amortization and smoothing policy that will pay for all gains and losses over a fixed 30-year period with the increases or decreases in the rate spread directly over a 5-year period. The impact of this new actuarial methodology is reflected in the "*Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios*" subsection of the "*Risk Analysis*" section of your report.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. In addition to creating new retirement formulas for newly hired members PEPRA also effectively closed all existing active risk pools to new employees. As such it is no longer appropriate to assume that the payroll of the risk pools for the classic formulas will continue to grow at 3 percent annually. Funding the promised pension benefits as a percentage of payroll would lead to the underfunding of the plans. In addition the current allocation of the existing unfunded liabilities based on payroll would create equity issues for employers within the risk pools. Furthermore the declining payroll of the classic formula risk pools will lead to unacceptable levels of employer rate volatility.

In order to address these issues the CalPERS Board of Administration approved at their May 21, 2014 meeting structural changes to the risk pools. All pooled plans will be combined into two active pools, one for all miscellaneous groups and one for all safety groups, effective with the 2013 valuations. By combining the pools this way the payroll of the risk pools and the employers within the pools can once again be expected to increase at the assumed 3 percent annual growth. However two important changes are being made which will affect employers.

1. Beginning with FY 2015-16 CalPERS will collect employer contributions toward your unfunded liability and side fund as dollar amounts instead of the prior method of a contribution rate. This change will address the funding issue that would still arise from the declining population of classic formula members. Although employers will be invoiced at the beginning of the fiscal year for their unfunded liability and side fund

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payments the plan's normal cost contribution will continue to be collected as a percentage of payroll.

2. The pool's unfunded liability will be allocated to each individual plan based on the plan's total liability rather than by plan individual payroll. This will allow employers to track their own unfunded liability and pay it down faster if they choose. The change in the allocation of unfunded liabilities will result in some employers paying more towards their unfunded liability and some paying less.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. The impact of the PEPRA changes are included in the rates and the benefit provision listings of the June 30, 2013 valuation for the 2015-16 rates. For more information on PEPRA, please refer to the CalPERS website.

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns. The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The Board also approved several changes to the demographic assumptions that more closely align with actual experience. The most significant of these is mortality improvement to acknowledge the greater life expectancies we are seeing in our membership and expected continued improvements. The new actuarial assumptions will be used to set the FY 2016-17 contribution rates for public agency employers. The increase in liability due to new actuarial assumptions will be calculated in the 2014 actuarial valuation and will be amortized over a 20-year period with a 5-year ramp-up/ramp-down in accordance with Board policy.

Besides the above noted changes, there may also be changes specific to your plan such as contract amendments and funding changes.

Further descriptions of general changes are included in the "*Highlights and Executive Summary*" section and in Appendix A, "*Statement of Actuarial Data, Methods and Assumptions*" of your section 2 report. We understand that you might have a number of questions about these results. While we are very interested in discussing these results with your agency, in the interest of allowing us to give every public agency their result, we ask that, you wait until after October 31 to contact us with actuarial related questions.

If you have other questions, please call our customer contact center at (888) CalPERS or (888-225-7377).

Sincerely,



ALAN MILLIGAN
Chief Actuary

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ACTUARIAL VALUATION

as of June 30, 2013

**for the
PEPRA MISCELLANEOUS PLAN
of the
CITY OF CAPITOLA
(CalPERS ID: 2647630112)**

**REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

**Plan Specific Information
for the
PEPRA MISCELLANEOUS PLAN
of the
CITY OF CAPITOLA**

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ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATION

Section 1 of this report is based on the member and financial data contained in our records as of June 30, 2013 which was provided by your agency and the benefit provisions under your contract with CalPERS. Section 2 of this report is based on the member and financial data as of June 30, 2013 provided by employers participating in the SAFETY risk pool to which your plan belongs and benefit provisions under the CalPERS contracts for those agencies.

As set forth in Section 2 of this report, the Pool Actuary has certified that, in their opinion, the valuation of the Risk Pool containing your PEPRA MISCELLANEOUS PLAN has been performed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles consistent with standards of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the assumptions and methods are internally consistent and reasonable for the Risk Pool as of the date of this valuation and as prescribed by the CalPERS Board of Administration according to provisions set forth in the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.

Having relied upon the information set forth in Section 2 of this report and based on the census and benefit provision information for your plan, it is my opinion as your Plan Actuary that the Side Fund and other Unfunded Accrued Liability bases as of June 30, 2013 and employer contribution rate as of July 1, 2015, have been properly and accurately determined in accordance with the principles and standards stated above.

The undersigned is an actuary for CalPERS, who is a member of both the American Academy of Actuaries and Society of Actuaries and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.



DAVID CLEMENT, ASA, MAAA, EA
Senior Pension Actuary, CalPERS
Plan Actuary

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HIGHLIGHTS AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **INTRODUCTION**
- **PURPOSE OF SECTION 1**
- **REQUIRED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION**
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Introduction

This report presents the results of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation of the PEPRA MISCELLANEOUS PLAN of the CITY OF CAPITOLA of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). This actuarial valuation was used to set the 2015-16 required employer contribution rates.

On April 17, 2013, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved a recommendation to change the CalPERS amortization and rate smoothing policies. Beginning with the June 30, 2013 valuations that set the 2015-16 rates, CalPERS will employ an amortization and smoothing policy that will pay for all gains and losses over a fixed 30-year period with the increases or decreases in the rate spread directly over a 5-year period. The impact of this new actuarial methodology is reflected in the "*Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios*" subsection of the "*Risk Analysis*" section of your report.

On January 1, 2013, the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) took effect. In addition to creating new retirement formulas for newly hired members PEPRA also effectively closed all existing active risk pools to new employees. As such it is no longer appropriate to assume that the payroll of the risk pools for the classic formulas will continue to grow at 3 percent annually. Funding the promised pension benefits as a percentage of payroll would lead to the underfunding of the plans. In addition the current allocation of the existing unfunded liabilities based on payroll would create equity issues for employers within the risk pools. Furthermore the declining payroll of the classic formula risk pools will lead to unacceptable levels of employer rate volatility.

In order to address these issues the CalPERS Board of Administration approved at their May 21, 2014 meeting structural changes to the risk pools. All pooled plans will be combined into two active pools, one for all miscellaneous groups and one for all safety groups, effective with the 2013 valuations. By combining the pools this way the payroll of the risk pools and the employers within the pools can once again be expected to increase at the assumed 3 percent annual growth. However two important changes are being made which will affect employers.

1. Beginning with FY 2015-16 CalPERS will collect employer contributions toward your unfunded liability and side fund as dollar amounts instead of the prior method of a contribution rate. This change will address the funding issue that would still arise from the declining population of classic formula members. Although employers will be invoiced at the beginning of the fiscal year for their unfunded liability and side fund payments the plan's normal cost contribution will continue to be collected as a percentage of payroll.
2. The pool's unfunded liability will be allocated to each individual plan based on the plan's total liability rather than by the plan's individual payroll. This will allow employers to track their own unfunded liability and pay it down faster if they choose. The change in the allocation of unfunded liabilities will result in some employers paying more towards their unfunded liability and some paying less.

The impact of most of the PEPRA changes will first show up in the rates and the benefit provision listings of the June 30, 2013 valuation that sets the contribution rates for the 2015-16 fiscal year. For more detailed information on changes due to PEPRA, please refer to the CalPERS website.

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns (see Appendix). The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long-term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The Board also approved several changes to the demographic assumptions that more closely align with actual experience. The most significant of these is mortality improvement to acknowledge the greater life expectancies we are seeing in our membership and expected continued improvements. The new actuarial assumptions will be used to set the FY 2016-17 contribution rates for public agency employers. The increase in liability due to new actuarial assumptions will be calculated in the 2014 actuarial valuation and will be amortized over a 20-year period with a 5-year ramp-up/ramp-down in accordance with Board policy.

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Purpose of Section 1

This section 1 report for the PEPRA MISCELLANEOUS PLAN of the CITY OF CAPITOLA of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) was prepared by the Plan Actuary in order to:

- Set forth the assets and accrued liabilities of this plan as of June 30, 2013;
- Determine the required employer contribution for this plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016;
- Provide actuarial information as of June 30, 2013 to the CalPERS Board of Administration and other interested parties; and
- Provide pension information as of June 30, 2013 to be used in financial reports subject to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 27 for a Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

The use of this report for any other purposes may be inappropriate. In particular, this report does not contain information applicable to alternative benefit costs. The employer should contact their actuary before disseminating any portion of this report for any reason that is not explicitly described above.

California Actuarial Advisory Panel Recommendations

This report includes all the basic disclosure elements as described in the *Model Disclosure Elements for Actuarial Valuation Reports* recommended in 2011 by the California Actuarial Advisory Panel (CAAP), with the exception of including the original base amounts of the various components of the unfunded liability in the Schedule of Amortization Bases shown on page 12.

Additionally, this report includes the following "Enhanced Risk Disclosures" also recommended by the CAAP in the Model Disclosure Elements document:

- A "Deterministic Stress Test," projecting future results under different investment income scenarios
- A "Sensitivity Analysis," showing the impact on current valuation results using a 1 percent plus or minus change in the discount rate.

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Required Employer Contribution

Actuarially Determined Employer Contributions:	Fiscal Year	
	2014-15 ¹	2015-16
Employer Contributions (in Projected Dollars)		
Plan's Employer Normal Cost	\$ 0	\$ 4,999
Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases	0	(79) ²
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits ³		
None	0	0
Phase out of Normal Cost Difference ⁴	0	0
Amortization of Side Fund	0	0
Total Employer Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 4,920
Projected Payroll for the Contribution Fiscal Year	\$ 0	\$ 80,158
Required Employer Contributions (Percentage of Payroll)		
Plan's Net Employer Normal Cost	0.000%	6.237%
Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases	0.000%	(0.099%) ²
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits ³		
None	0.000%	0.000%
Phase out of Normal Cost Difference ⁴	0.000%	0.000%
Amortization of Side Fund	0.000%	0.000%
Total Employer Contribution Rate	0.000%	6.138%

Required Employer Contribution for FY 2015-16		
Employer Contribution Rate⁵		6.237%
Plus Monthly Employer Dollar UAL Payment⁶	\$	0
Annual Lump Sum Prepayment Option	\$	0

For FY 2015-16 the total minimum required employer contribution is the **sum** of the Plan's Employer Contribution Rate (expressed as a percentage of payroll) **plus** the Employer Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) Contribution Amount (in dollars). Whereas in prior years it was possible to prepay total employer contributions for the fiscal year, beginning with FY 2015-16 and beyond, only the UAL portion of the employer contribution can be prepaid.

¹ The results shown for FY 2014-15 reflect the prior year valuation and do not reflect any lump sum payment, side fund payoff or rate adjustment made after annual valuation report is completed.

² For FY 2015-16 the Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases reflects the sum of all UAL amortization bases including the Plan's Side Fund (where applicable).

³ Section 2 of this report contains a list of Class 1 benefits and corresponding surcharges for each benefit.

⁴ Risk pooling was implemented for most plans as of June 30, 2003. The normal cost difference was scheduled to be phased out over a five year period. The phase out of normal cost difference is 100 percent for the first year of pooling, and is incrementally reduced by 20 percent of the original normal cost difference for each subsequent year.

⁵ The minimum employer contribution under PEPRA is the greater of the required employer contribution or the total employer normal cost.

⁶ The Plan's Payment on Amortization Bases Contribution amount for FY 2015-16 will be billed as a level dollar amount monthly over the course of the year. Late payments will accrue interest at an annual rate of 7.5 percent. Lump sum payments may be made through myCalPERS. Plan Normal Cost contributions will be made as part of the payroll reporting process. As a percentage of payroll your UAL contribution is (0.099) percent.

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Plan's Funded Status

	June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013
1. Present Value of Projected Benefits (PVB)	\$ 0	\$	85,150
2. Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability	0		3,331
3. Plan's Market Value of Assets (MVA)	0		4,469
4. Unfunded Liability [(2) - (3)]	0		(1,138)
5. Funded Ratio [(3) / (2)]	0.0%		134.2%

Projected Contributions

The contribution rate and amount shown below is an estimate for the employer contribution for fiscal year 2016-17. The estimated contribution is based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimate of the investment return for fiscal year 2013-14, namely 18.0 percent. It also reflects implementation of the direct rate smoothing method and the impact of new actuarial assumptions.

Projected Employer Contribution Rate:	6.8%
Projected Plan UAL Contribution	\$ 0

The estimate also assumes that there are no liability gains or losses among the plans in your risk pool, that your plan has no new amendments in the next year, and that your plan's and your risk pool's payrolls both increase exactly 3.0 percent in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Therefore, the projected employer contribution for 2016-17 is strictly an estimate. Your actual rate for 2016-17 will be provided in next year's valuation report. A more detailed analysis of your projected employer contributions over the next five years can be found in the "Risk Analysis" section of this report.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN'S SHARE OF POOL'S UAL**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN'S SHARE OF POOL'S MVA**
- **SCHEDULE OF PLAN'S SIDE FUND & OTHER AMORTIZATION BASES**
- **ALTERNATIVE AMORTIZATION SCHEDULES**
- **FUNDING HISTORY**
- **PLAN'S TOTAL NORMAL COST RATE**

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Development of the Plan's Share of Pool's Unfunded Accrued Liability

It is the policy of the CalPERS to ensure equity within the risk pools by allocating the pool's unfunded accrued liability in a manner that treats each employer fairly and that maintains benefit security for the members of the System while minimizing substantial variations in employer contributions. Commencing with the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuations and for purposes of allocating the pool's unfunded accrued liability to all the individual plans within the pool, an individual plan's total unfunded accrued liability (Preliminary Plan UAL) on a specific valuation date will be set equal to the sum of the outstanding unamortized balances on the valuation date for the following:

- a) Side Fund
- b) Plan's share of Pool UAL due to benefit changes (including golden handshakes) provided to the members of that plan
- c) Plan's share of the Pool UAL created before the valuation date for reasons other than benefit changes

1.	Plan's Accrued Liability	\$	3,331
2.	Plan's Side Fund		0
3.	Increase in Plan's AL for amendments in FY 2012-13		0
4.	Pool's Accrued Liability	\$	1,063,294
5.	Sum of Pool's Individual Plan Side Funds		0
6.	Increase in Pool's AL for amendments in FY 2012-13		0
7.	Pre-2013 Pool's UAL	\$	0
8.	Plan's Share of Pre-2013 Pool's UAL $[(1)-(2)-(3)]/[(4)-(5)-(6)] * (7)$	\$	0
9.	Pool's 2013 (Gain)/Loss		(363,303)
10.	Plan's Share of Pool's (Gain)/Loss $[(1)]/[(4)] * (9)$		(1,138)
11.	Plan's UAL as of 6/30/2013 $[(2)+(8)+(10)]$	\$	(1,138)

Development of the Plan's Share of Pool's Market Value of Assets

1.	Plan's Accrued Liability	\$	3,331
2.	Plan's UAL	\$	(1,138)
3.	Plan's Share of Pool's MVA $(1)-(2)$	\$	4,469

Schedule of Plan's Side Fund and Other Amortization Bases

There is a two-year lag between the Valuation Date and the Contribution Fiscal Year.

- The assets, liabilities and funded status of the plan are measured as of the valuation date; June 30, 2013.
- The employer contribution determined by the valuation is for the fiscal year beginning two years after the valuation date; fiscal year 2015-16.

This two-year lag is necessary due to the amount of time needed to extract and test the membership and financial data, and due to the need to provide public agencies with their employer contribution well in advance of the start of the fiscal year.

The Unfunded Liability is used to determine the employer contribution and therefore must be rolled forward two years from the valuation date to the first day of the fiscal year for which the contribution is being determined. The Unfunded Liability is rolled forward each year by subtracting the expected Payment on the Unfunded Liability for the fiscal year and adjusting for interest. The Expected Payment on the Unfunded Liability for a fiscal year is equal to the Expected Employer Contribution for the fiscal year minus the Expected Normal Cost for the year. The Employer Contribution Rate for the first fiscal year is determined by the actuarial valuation two years ago and the rate for the second year is from the actuarial valuation one year ago. The Normal Cost Rate for each of the two fiscal years is assumed to be the same as the rate determined by the current valuation. All expected dollar amounts, with the exception of the Side Fund base, are determined by multiplying the rate by the expected payroll for the applicable fiscal year, based on payroll as of the valuation date.

Reason for Base	Date Established	Amortization Period	Balance 6/30/13	Expected Payment 2013-14	Balance 6/30/14	Expected Payment 2014-15	Amounts for Fiscal 2015-16		
							Balance 6/30/15	Scheduled Payment for 2015-16	Payment as Percentage of Payroll
FRESH START	06/30/13	30	\$(1,138)	\$0	\$(1,223)	\$0	\$(1,315)	\$(79)	(0.099%)
TOTAL			\$(1,138)	\$0	\$(1,223)	\$0	\$(1,315)	\$(79)	(0.099%)

Commencing with the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuations, the side fund will be treated as a liability as opposed to an asset. Prior to June 30, 2013, a positive side fund conveyed that a public agency had a surplus when risk pooling began June 30, 2003. Conversely, a negative side fund signified that a public agency had an unfunded liability that required elimination through an amortization payment schedule. After June 30, 2013 a positive side fund will signify that an agency has an unfunded liability while a negative side fund will indicate a surplus asset. The amortization schedule will remain unchanged, with the exception that a plan with a negative side fund may have its amortization period extended at the discretion of the plan actuary.

Your plan's allocated share of the risk's pool's unfunded accrued liability is based on your plan's accrued liability and is amortized over the average amortization period of the combined existing amortization bases prior to June 30, 2013. The payments on this base for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and 2014-15 are allocated by your plan's payroll.

The (gain)/loss base is your plan's allocated share of the risk pool's asset gain/loss for the Fiscal Year 2012-13, the change in unfunded accrued liability due to direct rate smoothing and your plan's allocated share of the risk pool's other liability gains and losses for fiscal year 2012-13. This base will be amortized according to Board policy over 30 years with a 5-year ramp-up.

Alternate Amortization Schedules

The amortization schedule shown on the previous page shows the minimum contributions required according to CalPERS amortization policy. There has been considerable interest from many agencies in paying off these unfunded accrued liabilities sooner and the possible savings in doing so. As a result, we have provided alternate amortization schedules to help analyze your current amortization schedule and illustrate the advantages of accelerating unfunded liability payments towards your plan's unfunded liability of \$(1,315) as of June 30, 2015, which will require total payments of \$0.

Shown below are the level rate payments required to amortize your plan's unfunded liability assuming a fresh start over the various periods noted. Note that the payments under each scenario would increase by 3 percent for each year into the future.

Period	2015-16 Payment	Level Rate		Savings
		Total Payments	Total Interest	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Current CalPERS Board policy calls for lump sum contributions in excess of the required employer contribution shall first be used to eliminate the side fund, if applicable, and then the plan's share of the pool's unfunded accrued liability.

Please contact your plan actuary before making such a payment to ensure that the payment is applied correctly.

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Funding History

The Funding History below shows the actuarial accrued liability, the plan's share of the pool's market value of assets, plan's share of the pool's unfunded liability, funded ratio and the annual covered payroll.

Valuation Date	Accrued Liability (AL)	Share of Pool's Market Value of Assets (MVA)	Plan's Share of Pool's Unfunded Liability	Funded Ratio	Annual Covered Payroll
06/30/2013	\$ 3,331	\$ 4,469	\$ (1,138)	134.2%	\$ 73,356

Plan's Total Normal Cost Rate

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 requires that new employees pay at least 50 percent of the total annual normal cost and that current employees approach the same goal through collective bargaining. Please refer to the CalPERS website for more details.

Shown below are the total annual normal cost rates for your plan.

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2014-15	2015-16
Plan's Net Total Normal Cost Rate	0.000%	12.487%
Surcharge for Class 1 Benefits		
None	0.000%	0.000%
Plan's Total Normal Cost Rate	0.000%	12.487%

For FY 2015-16 there is no change to the PEPRA employee contribution rate.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **VOLATILITY RATIOS**
- **PROJECTED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**
- **ANALYSIS OF FUTURE INVESTMENT RETURN SCENARIOS**
- **ANALYSIS OF DISCOUNT RATE SENSITIVITY**
- **HYPOTHETICAL TERMINATION LIABILITY**

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Volatility Ratios

The actuarial calculations supplied in this communication are based on a number of assumptions about very long-term demographic and economic behavior. Unless these assumptions (terminations, deaths, disabilities, retirements, salary growth, and investment return) are exactly realized each year, there will be differences on a year-to-year basis. The year-to-year differences between actual experience and the assumptions are called actuarial gains and losses and serve to lower or raise the employer's rates from one year to the next. Therefore, the rates will inevitably fluctuate, especially due to the ups and downs of investment returns.

Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR)

Plans that have higher asset to payroll ratios produce more volatile employer rates due to investment return. For example, a plan with an asset to payroll ratio of 8 may experience twice the contribution volatility due to investment return volatility, than a plan with an asset to payroll ratio of 4. Below we have shown your asset volatility ratio, a measure of the plan's current rate volatility. It should be noted that this ratio is a measure of the current situation. It increases over time but generally tends to stabilize as the plan matures.

Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR)

Plans that have higher liability to payroll ratios produce more volatile employer rates due to investment return and changes in liability. For example, a plan with a liability to payroll ratio of 8 is expected to have twice the contribution volatility of a plan with a liability to payroll ratio of 4. The liability volatility ratio is also included in the table below. It should be noted that this ratio indicates a longer-term potential for contribution volatility and the asset volatility ratio, described above, will tend to move closer to this ratio as the plan matures.

Rate Volatility	As of June 30, 2013	
1. Market Value of Assets	\$	4,469
2. Payroll		73,356
3. Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR = 1. / 2.)		0.1
4. Accrued Liability	\$	3,331
5. Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR = 4. / 2.)		0.0

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Projected Employer Contributions

The estimated rate for 2016-17 is based on a projection of the most recent information we have available, including an estimated 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal 2013-14, the impact of the new smoothing methods adopted by the CalPERS Board in April 2013 that will impact employer rates for the first time in 2015-16 and new actuarial assumptions adopted by the CalPERS Board in February 2014. These new demographic assumptions include a 20-year projected improvement in mortality. A complete listing of the new demographic assumptions to be implemented with the June 30, 2014 annual actuarial valuation and incorporated in the projected rates for FY 2016-17 and beyond can be found on the CalPERS website at: <http://www.calpers.ca.gov/eip-docs/about/pubs/employer/actuarial-assumptions.xls>

The table below shows projected employer contribution rates (before cost sharing) for the next five Fiscal Years, **assuming CalPERS earns 18.0% for fiscal year 2013-14 and 7.50 percent every fiscal year thereafter**, and assuming that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur between now and the beginning of the fiscal year 2016-17.

	New Rate	Projected Future Employer Contribution Rates				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Normal Cost %:	6.237%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%
UAL \$	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

For new plans where active members have accrued little service the future UAL dollar amounts may be unstable. It is more prudent to use projected normal cost times expected payroll for employer budgeting purposes.

Analysis of Future Investment Return Scenarios

In 2014 CalPERS completed a 2-year asset liability management study incorporating actuarial assumptions and strategic asset allocation. On February 19, 2014 the CalPERS Board of Administration adopted relatively modest changes to the current asset allocation that will reduce the expected volatility of returns. The adopted asset allocation is expected to have a long- term blended return that continues to support a discount rate assumption of 7.5 percent. The newly adopted asset allocation has a lower expected investment volatility that will result in better risk characteristics than an equivalent margin for adverse deviation. The current asset allocation has an expected standard deviation of 12.45 percent while the newly adopted asset allocation has a lower expected standard deviation of 11.76 percent.

The investment return for fiscal year 2013-14 was announced July 14, 2014. The investment return in fiscal year 2013-14 is 18.42 percent before administrative expenses. This year, there will be no adjustment for real estate and private equities. For purposes of projecting future employer rates, we are assuming a 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal year 2013-14.

The investment return realized during a fiscal year first affects the contribution rate for the fiscal year 2 years later. Specifically, the investment return for 2013-14 will first be reflected in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation that will be used to set the 2016-17 employer contribution rates, the 2014-15 investment return will first be reflected in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation that will be used to set the 2017-18 employer contribution rates and so forth.

Based on a 18.0 percent investment return for fiscal year 2013-14, the April 17, 2013 CalPERS Board-approved amortization and rate smoothing method change, the February 18, 2014 new demographic assumptions including 20-year mortality improvement using Scale BB and assuming that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized, and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur between now and the beginning of the fiscal year 2016-17, the effect on the 2016-17 Employer Rate is as follows:

	Estimated 2016-17 Employer Contribution	Estimated Increase in Employer Contribution between 2015-16 and 2016-17
Normal Cost %:	6.8%	0.6%
UAL \$	\$ 0	\$ 0

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As part of this report, a sensitivity analysis was performed to determine the effects of various investment returns during fiscal years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 on the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 employer rates. Once again, the projected rate increases assume that all other actuarial assumptions will be realized and that no further changes to assumptions, contributions, benefits, or funding will occur.

Five different investment return scenarios were selected.

- The first scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 5th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 5th percentile return corresponds to a -3.8 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- The second scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 25th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 25th percentile return corresponds to a 2.8 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- The third scenario assumed the return for 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 would be our assumed 7.5 percent investment return which represents about a 49th percentile event.
- The fourth scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 75th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 75th percentile return corresponds to a 12.0 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.
- Finally, the last scenario is what one would expect if the markets were to give us a 95th percentile return from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The 95th percentile return corresponds to a 18.9 percent return for each of the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.

The table below shows the estimated projected contribution rates and the estimated increases for your plan under the five different scenarios.

2014-17 Investment Return Scenario	Estimated Employer UAL Contribution			Estimated Total Change in Employer UAL Contribution between 2016-17 and 2019-20
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	
-3.8% (5th percentile)	\$ 297	\$ 409	\$ 774	\$ 774
2.8% (25th percentile)	\$ 83	\$ 130	\$ 289	\$ 289
7.5%	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
12.0%(75th percentile)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
18.9%(95th percentile)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

In addition to the UAL Contribution amounts shown above the estimated employer normal cost of 6.8% of payroll will also be payable in each of the fiscal years shown above. The projected plan normal cost is expected to remain relatively stable over this time period.

Analysis of Discount Rate Sensitivity

The following analysis looks at the 2015-16 employer contributions under two different discount rate scenarios. Shown below are the employer contributions assuming discount rates that are 1 percent lower and 1 percent higher than the current valuation discount rate. This analysis gives an indication of the potential required employer contribution rates if the PERF were to realize investment returns of 6.50 percent or 8.50 percent over the long-term.

This type of analysis gives the reader a sense of the long-term risk to the employer contributions.

2015-16 Employer Contribution			
As of June 30, 2013	6.50% Discount Rate (-1%)	7.50% Discount Rate (assumed rate)	8.50% Discount Rate (+1%)
Plan's Employer Normal Cost	8.9%	6.2%	4.2%
Accrued Liability	\$ 4,388	\$ 3,331	\$ 2,453
Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ (81)	\$ (1,138)	\$ (2,016)

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Hypothetical Termination Liability

Below is an estimate of the financial position of your plan if you had terminated your contract with CalPERS as of June 30, 2013 using the discount rates shown below. Your plan liability on a termination basis is calculated differently compared to the plan's ongoing funding liability. For this hypothetical termination liability both compensation and service is frozen as of the valuation date and no future pay increases or service accruals are included. In December 2012, the CalPERS Board adopted a more conservative investment policy and asset allocation strategy for the Terminated Agency Pool. Since the Terminated Agency Pool has limited funding sources, expected benefit payments are secured by risk-free assets. With this change, CalPERS increased benefit security for members while limiting its funding risk. This asset allocation has a lower expected rate of return than the PERF. Consequently, the lower discount rate for the Terminated Agency pool results in higher liabilities for terminated plans.

In order to terminate your plan, you must first contact our Retirement Services Contract Unit to initiate a Resolution of Intent to Terminate. The completed Resolution will allow your plan actuary to give you a preliminary termination valuation with a more up-to-date estimate of your plan liabilities. CalPERS advises you to consult with your plan actuary before beginning this process.

Valuation Date	Hypothetical Termination Liability ¹	Market Value of Assets (MVA)	Unfunded Termination Liability	Termination Funded Ratio	Termination Liability Discount Rate ²
06/30/2013	\$ 759	\$ 4,469	\$ (3,710)	588.8%	\$ 3.72%

¹ The hypothetical liabilities calculated above include a 7 percent mortality load contingency in accordance with Board policy. Other actuarial assumptions, such as wage and inflation assumptions, can be found in appendix A.

² The discount rate assumption used for termination valuations is a weighted average of the 10 and 30-year US Treasury yields in effect on the valuation date that equal the duration of the pension liabilities. For purposes of this hypothetical termination liability estimate, the discount rate used, is the yield on the 30-year US Treasury Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities (STRIPS). Note that as of June 30, 2014 the 30-year STRIPS rate is 3.55 percent.

For plans where active members have little service the hypothetical termination liability methodology used does not fully vest active members upon termination. In these cases the hypothetical termination liability is understated.

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Participant Data

The table below shows a summary of your plan's member data upon which this valuation is based:

	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2013
Projected Payroll for Contribution Purposes	\$ 0	\$ 80,158
Number of Members		
Active	0	1
Transferred	0	0
Separated	0	0
Retired	0	0

List of Class 1 Benefit Provisions

- None

Information for Compliance with GASB Statement No. 27 for Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Plan

Disclosure under GASB 27 follows. However, note that effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, GASB 68 replaces GASB 27. Disclosure required under GASB 68 will require additional reporting. CalPERS is intending to provide GASB 68 disclosure information upon request for an additional fee. We urge you to start discussions with your auditors on how to implement GASB 68.

Your plan is part of the Miscellaneous Risk Pool, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Under GASB 27, an employer should recognize annual pension expenditures/expense equal to its contractually required contributions to the plan. Pension liabilities and assets result from the difference between contributions required and contributions made. The contractually required contribution for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 has been determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of June 30, 2013. Your unadjusted contribution for the indicated period is a normal cost contribution of 6.237 percent of payroll and an unfunded accrued liability dollar amount of \$0. In order to calculate the dollar value of the contractually required contributions for inclusion in financial statements prepared as of June 30, 2016, this normal cost contribution rate, less any employee cost sharing, and as modified by any subsequent financing changes or contract amendments for the year, would be multiplied by the payroll of covered employees that was actually paid during the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 combined with the UAL amount of \$0. However, if this contribution is fully prepaid in a lump sum, then the dollar value of contractually required contributions is equal to the lump sum prepayment. The employer and the employer's auditor are responsible for determining the contractually required contributions. Further, the required contributions in dollars and the percentage of that amount contributed for the current year and each of the two preceding years is to be disclosed under GASB 27.

A summary of principal assumptions and methods used to determine the contractually required contributions is shown below for the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2013
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Payroll
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Actuarial Assumptions	
Discount Rate	7.50% (net of administrative expenses)
Projected Salary Increases	3.30% to 14.20% depending on Age, Service, and type of employment
Inflation	2.75%
Payroll Growth	3.00%
Individual Salary Growth	A merit scale varying by duration of employment coupled with an assumed annual inflation growth of 2.75% and an annual production growth of 0.25%.

Complete information on assumptions and methods is provided in Appendix A of the Section 2 report. Appendix B of the Section 2 report contains a description of benefits included in the Risk Pool Actuarial Valuation.

A Schedule of Funding for the Risk Pool's actuarial value of assets, accrued liability, their relationship, and the relationship of the unfunded liability (UL) to payroll for the risk pool(s) to which your plan belongs can be found in Section 2 of the report.

PLAN'S MAJOR BENEFIT OPTIONS

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SECTION 1 – PLAN SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR THE PEPRA MISCELLANEOUS PLAN OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA

Plan's Major Benefit Options

Shown below is a summary of the major optional benefits for which your agency has contracted. A description of principal standard and optional plan provisions is in Appendix B within Section 2 of this report.

Benefit Provision	Contract package	
	Active	Misc
Benefit Formula	2.0% @ 62	
Social Security Coverage	no	
Full/Modified	full	
Final Average Compensation Period	36 mos.	
Sick Leave Credit	yes	
Non-Industrial Disability	standard	
Industrial Disability	no	
Pre-Retirement Death Benefits		
Optional Settlement 2W	yes	
1959 Survivor Benefit Level	level 2	
Special	no	
Alternate (firefighters)	no	
Post-Retirement Death Benefits		
Lump Sum	\$500	
Survivor Allowance (PRSA)	no	
COLA	2%	

Section 2

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

**Section 2 may be found on the CalPERS website
(www.calpers.ca.gov) then selecting:**

- **Employers**
- **Actuarial & GASB 27 Information**
- **Risk Pooling**
- **Risk Pool Annual Valuation Report**



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December 19, 2012

Employer Name: City of Capitola
 CalPERS ID: 2647630112
 Employee Category: Safety Police
 Rate Plan Identifier: 25836

Dear Employer:

**Subject: BENEFIT FORMULA AND CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR NEW MEMBERS
 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the impact that the recent passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 340 pension reform will have on employee and employer contribution rates to CalPERS. AB 340 created the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) that implemented new benefit formulas and final compensation period, as well as new contribution requirements for new employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 who meet the definition of new member as per PEPRA. Please refer to the Pension Reform section of the CalPERS website for more information on pension reform, including information regarding when an employee will be considered a new member under PEPRA.

The table below provides information on the benefit formula, final compensation period and the employer and member contribution rates effective January 1, 2013 for any safety police employees that meet the definition of a new member under PEPRA.

Benefit Formula	Safety 2.7% at Age 57
Final Compensation Period	3 Year Final Compensation
Employer Contribution Rate as a percentage of payroll	11.50% of Reportable Compensation
Member Contribution Rate as a percentage of payroll	11.50% of Reportable Compensation

Since you currently participate in a risk pool, your new safety police members will participate in the Safety 2.7 percent at age 57 risk pool that was created by the CalPERS Board in November 2012 in response to the passage of PEPRA. The **employer** contribution rate listed above will be good until June 30, 2015. This rate will not be revised until the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation of the Safety 2.7 percent at age 57 risk pool is completed in the fall of 2014 that will set the contribution requirement for fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

In accordance with PEPRA and CalPERS interpretation of the term similarly situated, the member contribution rate shown in the above table was set at 50% of the expected total

Benefit Formula and Contribution Rate for New Members effective January 1, 2013
December 19, 2012
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normal cost rate for the benefits that will apply to your new safety police members on January 1, 2013 rounded to the nearest one quarter of one percent. The total normal cost rate used for this calculation is 23.0 percent of payroll. The normal cost rate was derived based on the benefit formula and final compensation period listed in the above table as well as all other optional benefit provisions you have contracted with CalPERS for your employees. Since the actual demographics of your new pool will not be known until new members are hired, and due to the limited time available for implementation of PEPRA, the normal cost rate was derived based on the demographics of a pool of CalPERS employers and the actuarial assumptions used in the Actuarial Cost Analysis of AB 340. For information on how the normal cost was derived and the actuarial assumptions used, please refer to the following link on the CalPERS website at:

<http://www.calpers.ca.gov/eip-docs/employer/program-services/member-rates-pepra.pdf>

Note that the member contribution rate may change over time if the total normal cost for new members fluctuates by more than one percent of payroll over the estimated initial normal cost rate of 23.0 percent of payroll. The total normal cost rate will be impacted over time by the actual demographics of the Safety 2.7 percent at age 57 risk pool and the actuarial assumptions used in the funding of the retirement benefits. The member rate will be reviewed once a year when the actuarial valuation of your plan is performed. The first review is expected to be in conjunction with the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation that will take place in the fall of 2014. Therefore, the member contribution rate listed in the above table is expected to remain unchanged until July 1, 2015.

For more information, you may visit the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov. If you have questions, please contact the CalPERS Customer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

Sincerely,



ALAN MILLIGAN
Chief Actuary



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2015

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A CITIZEN REQUEST FOR A SKATE PARK AT MONTEREY PARK

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Conduct a public hearing and provide direction on a request of a group of citizens for a skate park at Monterey Park.

BACKGROUND: In 2011 and 2012 the Council discussed several options for the location of a skate park in the City. During these discussions, Monterey Park was selected for further consideration. A public hearing was held on January 25, 2012, at which time the Council reviewed a privately developed concept design of a 9000 square foot (sf) skate park at Monterey Park. The Council rejected the 9,000 sf design and directed proponents to return with a 6,000 square feet design that did not require the removal of any trees for further consideration. Subsequent to this meeting, community support and funding, which had been the driving force in the project withdrew primarily due to the reduction in the size of the park.

In 2013, the Council considered options for the City-owned McGregor property, and ultimately approved a multi-use park facility for the site that included a skate park, dog park, and a bicycle pump track. Plans for the park were developed and a construction contract was awarded in 2014. The McGregor Park is currently under construction and is scheduled to open this spring. During the final hearing on the design of the McGregor Skate Park on November 25, 2014, at the request of a group of citizens, the Council unanimously directed staff to agendize a hearing on a skate park at Monterey Park.

DISCUSSION: While Council and staff focused on McGregor Park, the original citizen proponents of the skate park at Monterey Park have restarted their efforts. They have developed a plan for a 6,000 sf skate park and a proposal to construct the park (Attachment 1). The plan calls for the skate park to be located within Monterey Park along the western boundary, adjacent to property owned by the Soquel Union Elementary School District. This is the same location that was considered in 2012, with no tree removal. An outfield fence around the softball field has been included to minimize balls from landing in the skate park. Proponents of the skate park will present further details on the skate park design at the meeting and detail the outreach efforts they have made.

The City has received a significant number of communications concerning this proposal. All letters and emails received prior to posting the agenda are included with this report. Additional communications received leading up to the hearing will be provided as Additional Material at the meeting.

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT February 11, 2015

CONSIDERATION OF A SKATE PARK PROPOSAL AT MONTEREY PARK

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to either:


- A. Ask the proponents of the skate park to proceed with the project which would require them to further develop the plans to allow environment review and project permitting; or
- B. Reject the proposal and continue the focus on McGregor Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: if the decision is made to pursue the project, funding agreements and sources will need to be identified for planning, engineering, CEQA review, permitting, construction and construction management. These costs are currently unknown.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Plan and proposal from proponents.
- 2. Communications received regarding the proposal.

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PROJECT TEAM:

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Public Works Director
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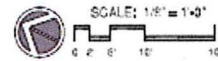
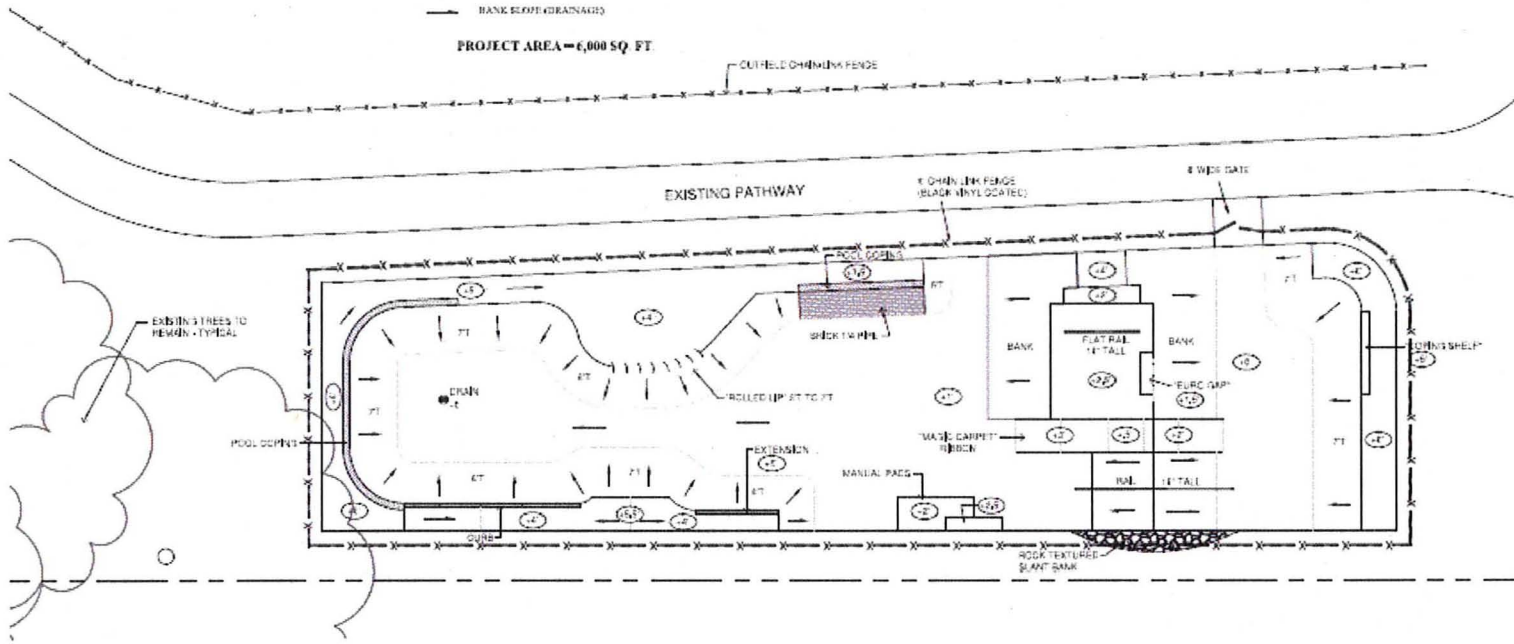
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- BANK EDGE (DRAINAGE)

PROJECT AREA = 6,000 SQ. FT.



VICINITY MAP:
NORTH ORIENTATION
N.T.S.

APPROX. LOCATION OF SKATE PARK



**MONTEREY
SKATE PARK DESIGN
CONSTRUCTION PLAN
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re-submission of the Plans for a Skate Park at Monterey Park

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Background: In January, 2012, the City Council was presented with plans for a skate park at Monterey Park. These plans included a park of 9000 square feet with advanced features for appealing to all age groups.

After the public hearing (of which 31 people spoke in favor of the skate park), Council determined the size and features were not conducive to the age groups that the City wanted to target; Funding was also brought up and raised as a concern. 11 People spoke against the park at that time.

In a 3-2 decision, Council asked the presenters to return to Council at a future date with:

- a) A revised skate park of 6000 square feet and 'softened' features to appeal to a younger age demographic;
- b) Not to remove the Eucalyptus Trees currently in place.

Mentioned but not formally noted in the Motion was a) the request to obtain a majority of neighborhood support for the smaller park; b) and to secure any funding to help offset the overall cost of the skate park.

Presentation of Materials: The presentation this evening will provide Council with those revised plans for a skate park at 6000 square feet; smaller and softened features and geared towards younger to teen aged children (3-14). (A map of the revised skate park is attached hereto)

The presentation will also provide to Council signatures of over 200 residents in the immediate Cliffwood Heights and Monterey Park neighborhood. This is significant in that meeting with people face to face, allowed for dialog, explanation and open banter about the significant positive aspects of placing the skate park within the Monterey Park location. These meetings allowed for the organizers to meet with individuals and provide a clear understanding of the park size and were encouraging to hear that people want a safe place for their children (and grandchildren in some instances!) to be able to skateboard. – A side note – of the over 200 signatures obtained there were three (3) neighbors who were opposed to the park. (Signatures to be presented at the meeting). So much support was garnered that of the 11 who opposed the larger park back in 2012, a few of them have actually changed their position and are now in support of the park and have signed the petition stating that.

Fiscal Impact: The final aspect of the presentation this evening will also provide the financial status. Previous dialog at the 2012 meeting indicated the City would like to see if money could be raised to help fund the project. The funding for the skate park at Monterey Park has been secured at 100% by a private donor. This means that the overall project (which has been bid at just under \$200K) would be paid for entirely by a private donation as a gift to the children of this Community and at no cost to the City or to the residents.

Additional Consideration: In addition to satisfying the 2012 Motion requirements, the presentation also includes a letter from the Central Fire Department Union showing support for the Monterey location; letters from local principal's; and letters of support for the skate park at Monterey from business owners in the Capitola Village and previous to the meeting, several letters have been emailed to Council and a few will also be read during the public hearing segment.

The 2015 Capitola General Plan (Land Use section) has now earmarked Monterey Park as an 'Active' Park and includes by definition, providing amenities for multi-use.

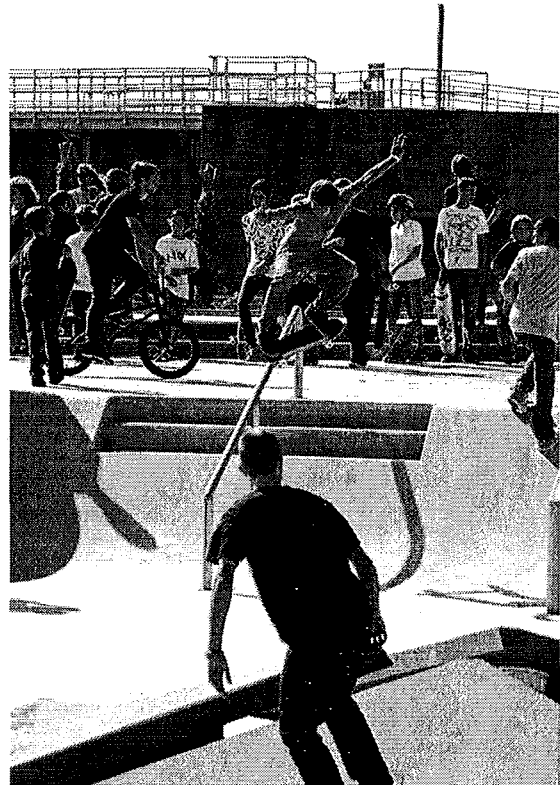
Action Requested: The Presenters respectfully request that this project be approved having met the Council Motion requirements stipulated in 2012 and having obtained those requested items, including the ones that were discussed but not formally listed in the Motion.

THE BENEFITS OF PUBLIC SKATEPARKS

WHY HIGH-QUALITY SKATEPARKS BECOME VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSETS

Skateboarders and the skateparks they call home are often misunderstood. When compared with the traditional team sports like football and baseball, which have become engrained in our culture, skateboarding and action sports are still on the fringe of mainstream society. Negative stereotypes continue to portray skateboarders as social outlaws with little respect for authority. It is not surprising then, that skateparks are looked upon in a similar light and are often a low priority in a city's planning efforts.

When you move beyond these outdated stereotypes though, it becomes clear that skateparks provide a vital space for people to stay active and be a part of a unique community. In countless cities around the world, well-built skateparks have proven to be valuable community assets with **tremendous benefits**. Instead of viewing skateboarding as a negative problem that needs to be solved, these forward-thinking communities have found ways to embrace these sports while **showcasing their artistic and acrobatic spirit**.



GUIDANCE FROM EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS ENSURES SUCCESS

With the help of an experienced skatepark construction and design firm, such as Spohn Ranch, communities can feel confident knowing their skatepark will adequately serve their action sports athletes for years to come. When functional and **well-balanced designs** are combined with high-quality construction methods, skaters will stay in the park – instead of continuing to fight through traffic and damage property around town.

Since partnering with ESPN in the early '90s to develop the X-Games competitions, Spohn Ranch has continued to lead the way in municipal skateparks. With hundreds of successful projects under our belt, we have **the experience it takes** to help your community design responsible skatepark solutions.

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5 BENEFITS OF A SUCCESSFUL SKATEPARK

1. COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACES HELP BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS

As our world becomes increasingly overwhelmed by television, video games and internet browsing – kids are spending a lot less time on face-to-face interaction with their peers. How are kids expected to grow and develop the skills they will need in the real world if they spend all day sitting in front of a screen? **Engaging outdoor environments** such as skateparks are great places for kids to interact with one another and build vital social and interpersonal skills.

When a skatepark is built, a community develops around it. For kids who are struggling to identify with team sports, this community gives them a valuable sense of belonging. When they show up to the park, race, gender and age are all thrown out the window – all that matters is that they have a good attitude and a passion for skating.



In comparison to snowboarding, where lift tickets, transportation and specialized gear can cost a thousand dollars or more – skateboarding is a very **cost-effective activity** that anyone can enjoy. In this skatepark, many lifelong friendships will bloom – often between very different types of people.

In a recent study by the Journal of Adolescent Research, Dr. Graham L. Bradley explains that “skate parks are positive places, which **encourage civic responsibility and social skills**.”

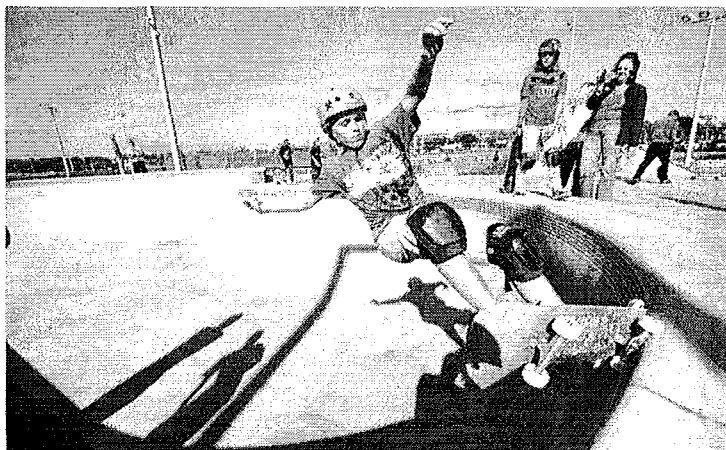
We also watched and observed kids acquiring social skills, learning to cooperate, to take turns, to take some responsibility for their sporting arena. They have pride in it and they look after it.

We think young boys at the skatepark are learning the beginnings of some civic participation, some responsibility, and some **involvement in their community.**”

*Source: Journal of Adolescent Research – “Skate Parks as a Context for Adolescent Development”
Graham L. Bradley, March 2010; vol. 25, 2; pp. 288-323.*

2. SKATEBOARDING HAS POSITIVE EFFECTS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Skateboarding is a unique activity because it combines extreme physical exertion with precise muscle coordination and balance. The complexity of performing tricks on a skateboard improves brain function at a fundamental level and stimulates new cell growth in the brain.



In 2006, an elementary school in Boulder, Colorado began incorporating skateboarding into the physical education curriculum – calling the program “Skate Pass”. The program’s director, Eric Klassen, wanted to “bring in activities that are alternative, non-competitive and individual. Most kids in schools feel intimidated when it comes to competition.”

Klassen says the biggest benefit might be something kids don't realize they're learning. While skateboarding helps with eye-foot coordination and balance, he says it also improves performance in the classroom.

"When they're involved in an activity that involves balance -- both hemispheres of the brain are equally stimulated," Klassen says. He points out that researchers have shown that the body also produces a hormone that makes students **more receptive to learning for the rest of the school day.**

Source: 9News - "Local school becomes first in nation to teach skateboarding" 3/6/2006

In his new book, *Spark: The Revolutionary Science of Exercise and the Brain*, John J. Ratey, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, also makes a very convincing case that **kids who regularly exercise perform better in school and are able to learn more effectively** than their peers who do not consistently exercise.

"Less traditional sports, such as rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater paddling, and – sorry to tell you, Mom – skateboarding, are also effective in the sense that they require complex movements in the midst of heavy exertion. The combination of challenging the brain and the body has a **greater positive impact than aerobic exercise alone.**"

In addition to skateboarding’s positive effects on learning and comprehension, it also build self-confidence and helps people combat stress and depression.

"Skaters at The Pipeline ride back and forth and up and down for hours and hours, practicing tricks over and over. In the process, they develop self-discipline, stamina and self-confidence.

"It definitely teaches you self-discipline," said Rob Abbott, 30, skateboarder and salesman at Sequence Skate Shop. "There's that mentality when you go out there, and you want to accomplish something. You practice it over and over for days and weeks at a time. And once you do it, **you feel good about yourself and what you've accomplished.**"

Source: The Juneau Empire – "Riding the Concrete Wave" Teri Tibbett, September 13, 2007

An interesting case study on skateparks as positive environments comes from Evan Knappenberger, who is a skater-stepfather and OIF '05-'07 veteran with PTSD and depression. He is a student at Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, WA.

"How do these veterans cope? What hope is there in treatment, be it medical or spiritual, for ex-soldiers with mental illness? What exactly is it about emotional trauma that demands such a thorough and time-consuming healing? How is that healing facilitated in post-modern suburban America? One surprisingly effective answer for many veterans has been the local skateboard park.



Go to any skatepark in America and an astonishing number of young veterans from every political and economic background will tell you about the **curative properties of skateboarding**. Many claim there is a meditative quality to the sport that promotes relaxation and emotional balance. Some claim skateboarding as a miracle cure for their various ailments. Before looking into the physical and mental benefits of skateboarding, it is necessary to take a moment to realize the more important community benefits of the skatepark itself.

By providing veterans with specialized topics for discussion that are unrelated to warfare, such as skating equipment, tricks, and famous skaters, skateparks offer veterans a means of conversational engagement and a milieu of interpersonal connections. Skate culture transcends political differences and focuses on sportsmanship and camaraderie. This can be reassuring to veterans who are wary of politically charged causes or groups.

Many soldiers with depression, PTSD, or combat injuries struggle to maintain a healthy weight. For some it can be difficult to find the motivation to exercise as a civilian because it is usually a lonely activity whereas in the army it was social. **Skateboarding is an excellent way to get exercise in a social environment without having to pay hundreds of dollars for a gym membership.**

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By acquiring new skating abilities a veteran can take pride in peaceable accomplishments while improving his or her self-esteem. Veterans learn how to overcome fear by facing a steep drop on a concrete ledge at a high speed; they learn how to overcome the past by focusing on the task at hand, which is keeping upright.

Notably, it is important that a skater not be drunk while attempting maneuvers. Veterans have a very high rate of substance abuse and alcoholism and are discouraged from using and drinking while they are skating, if only to save themselves from injury. I have yet to see a drunk vet at the local skatepark, though there are plenty at the VFW lodge down the street. The emotional rewards in skateboarding are performance-based, so alcohol becomes an obstacle between the skater and his or her reward.



These benefits, taken together, constitute a picture of skating as a healthy, healing activity for veterans returning from war. Whether by promoting physical exercise, community or relaxation, **skateparks and skateboarding are a positive and low-impact way of providing therapeutic treatment to the emotionally-damaged.** As a peaceful, constructive and creative activity, skateboarding at a well-designed and well-maintained public skatepark can be one of the most valuable and fun things to do for the entire family.

By building public skateparks, a city or town is ensuring the health and well-being of their children, veterans, and disaffected teenagers, both physically and mentally.”

Spohn Ranch has a long history of working with the military to design and build skateparks for military bases. On a recent project at the Fort Irwin Military Base, the Fort’s Marketing Chief echoed Evan’s thoughts with these inspiring words.

“There are not enough words to adequately say thank you to each and every one of you for your support of our Fort Irwin Community. People on post can only say wonderful things about the design, the project and the incredible skaters who showed up for the event.



Each of you made a huge difference in the lives of our soldiers and their families yesterday. The skatepark is having a huge impact on our children and soldiers who need a place for recreation. On behalf of our soldiers, families and civilians – thank you for your generosity, talents, and heart!”

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3. SKATEBOARDING PROMOTES HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Arguably the most important reason for participating in action sports is the fact that it keeps you healthy and physically fit. Finding an activity that gets kids off the couch and keeps them in shape is vital for the youth of this nation, especially in this time of a national health crisis.



- The US Surgeon General has officially declared that obesity is an epidemic. Obesity is the most pressing health problem America is facing, costing the health care system an estimated \$90 billion per year.
- Three of every five Americans are overweight; one of every five is obese.
- A recent study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* predicts that a child born in 2000 has a one-in-three chance of developing diabetes.
- Some 30% percent of U.S. schoolchildren are overweight – six times more than in 1980- and another 30% are on the cusp.
- Overweight adolescents have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight adults. This increases to 80 percent if one or both parents are overweight or obese.
- Only 6% of U.S. high schools offer a daily physical education class.
- Kids are spending an average of 5.5 hours a day in front of some sort of a screen – television, computer, or handheld device.

Forcing kids to participate in some form of exercise isn't enough to remedy all of these problems though. It has been proven that if you give a kid limited options for exercising, it feels like punishment or boot camp, and they will not continue doing it. Experiments with lab rats also suggest that forced exercise doesn't have nearly the same effect as voluntary exercise.

Providing our youth with a wide range of physical activities to choose from is essential because it allows them to find a form of exercise they can excel at and continue doing. For a growing number of American youth, action sports have become *the* form of exercise that helps them maintain a healthy lifestyle. If we fail to provide these kids with adequate facilities for their activities though, they will most likely fall back onto the couch, or even worse.

A recent study by Johns Hopkins University researchers said regularly skating, rollerblading and biking increase children's chances of fighting the flab as they grow. The odds were better than for those who played baseball and other organized, and often seasonal, sports.

4. SKATEPARKS REDUCE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

Unfortunately, skateparks are often perceived as negative environments that attract delinquents and illicit behavior. Misinformed community members conjure up images of graffiti, smoking, fighting and inappropriate language when they talk about skateparks. More often than not though, these problems are the result of a few bad seeds – not the majority of skatepark users who are there to exercise and progress their skills. These problems are also the symptoms of adolescent behavior in general and are unfairly associated with skateparks as the main cause.



A lack of adequate skateparks is one of the easiest ways to turn kids onto criminals. With nothing to do and nowhere to go, kids will usually find less positive ways to occupy their time. A town in England released some profound findings after opening their skatepark in 2006.

"DRIFFIELD Skate Park is helping to reduce youth crime, it has been revealed. PC Steve Wilson, of the Driffield Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "From my experience, I am aware that the skate park is regularly used by numerous young people from Driffield and the surrounding areas, **offering a valuable diversion from anti- social behavior.**"

The officer said in a letter to Skate Park organizers, which was read at a meeting of the Driffield Town Council policy and finance committee: "Since the skate park opened there has been a **noticeable drop in calls to youths causing annoyance and related matters.** I would fully support this facility being made into an all weather, all year round resource."

In September of 2008, Spohn Ranch teamed up with world-renowned professional skateboarder Paul "P-Rod" Rodriguez to create a truly amazing concrete skatepark for the youth of Wilmington, CA a community ranked as one of the most dangerous communities in the US. Knowing the skatepark could serve as a valuable recreational space for the easily-distracted youth of Wilmington, Spohn Ranch presented the City of Los Angeles with a \$100,000 grant to ensure the project would come to fruition. Since its opening, the park has averaged 250-300 skaters a day, has become a drop-off location for seven neighborhood schools, and has helped reduce violent crime in the area by 90%.



5. SKATEPARKS ATTRACT TOURISM

A professionally-designed and well-maintained skatepark can bring new life into your community. When you take the time and effort to create a unique facility, the economic rewards can be felt almost immediately. Word travels fast in the skateboarding world and with a new showpiece to offer, skateboarders and their families will flock to your community and spend their vacation dollars.



“To emphasize how much impact our skatepark has had since its opening, I would like to note that one of the most frequent questions at our Colorado Welcome Center is now, “How do you get to the skatepark?” The volunteers at the welcome center have requested that signs be placed throughout town to guide out-of-towners to the park.

There have been, as I am told, numerous skaters from across America that have come here specifically for the purpose of trying out our new facility. I’ve heard reports from local enthusiasts that fellow riders from as far away as Maine, Vermont, Florida, Washington, Oregon, Texas, California, and Indiana have been here to skate. For a city with a population of 10,000 we are impressed with the results. Tony Hawk even stopped for a ride with his group a couple of weeks ago. Word travels fast when a world class skatepark is constructed.”

Mayor Joseph A. Reorda – Trinidad, Colorado

“The immediate response to our park was overwhelming. Both the youth of our town, and visitors alike bombarded our new park each and every day. This was a **huge economic boost for our town**, and continues to be as this contest has put Carbondale and our skate park on the map. Never underestimate the draw that a skatepark will have on your town.

Our town has been very pleased with the economic impact that the new skatepark has brought to Carbondale. With many visitors staying here over the Summer months just to skate our park, with large contests being held here and the free advertisements that skaters pass on to each other about Carbondale, **our skatepark has been exceptional for town business.**”

Carbondale Recreation & Skatepark Coordinator Chris Woods- Carbondale, Colorado

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8 COMMON SKATEPARK MYTHS

1. Skateparks are dangerous

A professionally-designed skatepark with precise geometry and thoughtful traffic patterns is the best way to keep your skaters safe. When you build a skatepark in your community, skaters are no longer forced to ride on the streets where they share space with pedestrians and cars. Although skateboarding is often perceived as dangerous, national studies show that it is safe when compared with other sports.

“The best research which quantifies risk of skateboarding comes from the Journal of Trauma, Oct. 2002, and is written by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. They determined the number of skateboarding injuries per active skateboarder and compared those numbers to in-line skating and basketball. Skateboarding had an injury rate of 8.9 per 1,000 participants. In-line skating was 3.9/1,000 and basketball produced 21.2 ER-treated injuries per 1,000 players. **Statistically, skateboarding is safer than playing basketball.**”

Skateboarding on public streets or adjacent to traffic is more dangerous and can produce serious injuries due to collision with motor vehicles. The potential benefit from the skateboard park is that it will shift riders from the sidewalks and streets to the park, and there will be **fewer falls due to surface irregularity.**”

Dr. Michael Yorgason is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with additional fellowship training in foot and ankle surgery. He practices at Montana Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, PC.

2. Skateboarders are delinquents

Although the average skater is an adolescent male, skaters come in all shapes and sizes. It is not uncommon to see 50-year-old moms and dads riding with their sons and daughters at the skatepark. Skaters are often perceived as delinquents, but this is usually because their lack of a designated facility turns them into a nuisance and liability. As these negative stereotypes gradually fade away, it becomes clear that the majority of skaters are athletes with a passion for their sport.



3. Skateboarders are a small minority

Skateboarding is one of the nation's fastest growing sports and now rivals football and basketball as the most popular activities among youth. National studies estimate the number of skateboarders in the U.S. at around 13 million, with a 10% increase over the last three years. These studies also estimate that about 16.5% of US youth population (5-24 year-olds) are active skaters. When you account for the BMX bike riders, roller bladders and scooter riders – it becomes clear that most communities will have a significant action sports population. Skateboarding is not a fad and it is here to stay!

4. Skateparks attract illicit behavior

Any public park can attract unsavory elements, but skateparks often deter disruptive behavior and vagrancy because skaters populate the park. Parks that are remote, secluded or seldom used by the community are the ones that get abused. Without a positive environment like a skatepark in the vicinity, skaters are forced into the streets.

"Activities you might not expect -- like skateboarding -- might be just what teens and adolescents need. Research out of the University of North Carolina found that skateboarding is among the activities that might help keep children out of trouble. "I think skateboarding kids are a focused group of kids," said Diana Harris, a parent.

Compared to their couch potato peers, active adolescents -- including skateboarders -- were less likely to engage in risky behavior like smoking and drinking. "I think that is a group we see as being a little more on the risky side, but instead of being on the risky side, they were actually protected from those behaviors," said Dr. Penny Gordon-Larsen, a researcher."



Source: NBC Philadelphia - "Keeping Active Best Way To Keep Kids Out Of Trouble" April 3, 2006

5. Skateparks are noisy

A professionally-designed concrete skatepark is not louder than any other type of recreational facility. All recreational facilities generate some noise and skateparks are no different. Steel ramps though, are a different story and should generally be avoided if noise is a potential concern. A 2001 study by Portland, Oregon's Noise Control Officer compared the noise from a skatepark to a basic conversation between two people. Noise from a skatepark blends into the background at around 50 feet. This figure can also be reduced by designing the park with sound barriers in mind.

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6. Skateparks are messy

Like any athletic activity, skateboarding will generate refuse. In skateparks that benefit from strong community support such as Burnside (Portland, OR) most litter removal is done by the skaters themselves. Professional skateparks allow the skating community to take pride in their facility. Equipping the skatepark with basic site amenities such as trash cans and a drinking fountain will also encourage environmental stewardship.

“We didn’t see very much misbehavior, certainly when compared with what you would expect as per the stereotypes or what is to be reasonably expected in any social setting where youth congregate.

We didn’t see any physical or verbal bullying or intimidation. We saw no graffiti. We saw hundreds of kids, but fewer than 3% of them were smoking cigarettes. 2% littered at any time we were watching.”

*Source: Journal of Adolescent Research – “Skate Parks as a Context for Adolescent Development”
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7. Skateparks are expensive

A world-class concrete skatepark averages \$40/square foot. Even at full capacity all day, all year, a properly built park won’t show signs of overuse. Compared to the relatively limited use of a tennis court or baseball field, it’s an efficient and popular use of public funding. When the park is built by professional such as Spohn Ranch, long-term maintenance expense is minimal. Spending money on a skatepark is a worthwhile investment for the health and safety of your community’s youth.

8. Skateparks are intimidating and uninviting

The modern skatepark has made significant changes to improve the aesthetic quality of the environment. Spohn Ranch has been a pioneer in steering skateparks away from fenced-in ramp parks and upgrading them to unique environments with integrated landscaping and plaza-style features. Spohn Ranch is also leading the field in creating mixed-use public spaces that are designed for skating, but also appeal to the average community member by incorporating unique spectator seating and engaging sculptural pieces.



November 2014

Dear Capitola City Council:

Capitola and Cliffwood Heights residents who support a skate park at the Monterey Ave. Park location for beginners to intermediate skill level. We support a 6000-sq/ft. skate park for children in our community fully funded through private donors. This project would provide a safe place for our kids to play and a permanent skate park that will last for generations.

Supporters: names, addresses, and signatures.

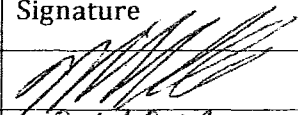
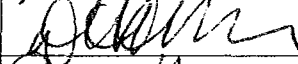
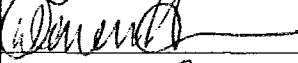
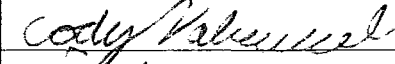

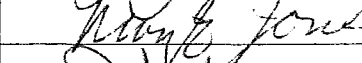
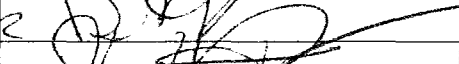
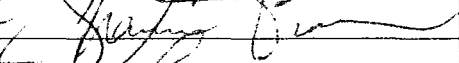
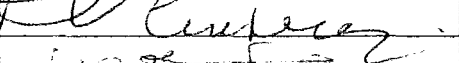
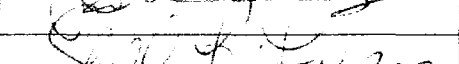



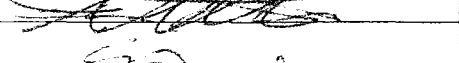


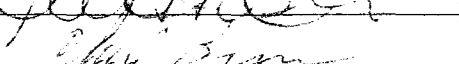
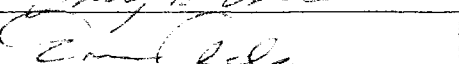
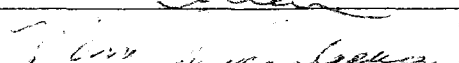

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18. Julie Atchley	138 Magellan	Julie Atchley
19. ROD ATCHLEY	138 MAGELLAN ST.	Rod Atchley
20. Anthony Ettinger	145 Magellan St.	Anthony Ettinger

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1. Mike Crivello	200 Cortez St Capitola	
2. Danna Crivello	200 Cortez St	
3. Darien Heron	924 Balboa Ave	
4. Cody Valcarcel	908 Sir Francis Ave.	
5. Stephen Gray	212 Magellan St	
6. Mary K. Jones	825 Columbus Dr	
7. DAVID K. JONES	825 Columbus Dr	
8. St. Tommaso	1003 Balboa Ave	
9. Kent Cenisero	220 Magellan St	
10. J. Surman	216 Magellan	
11. Shelly Forbes	205 Cortez St.	
12. Tom Ritchie	205 Cortez St	
13. Samantha Schmitz	205 Cortez St.	
14. Jeff Dittie	205 Cortez St.	
15. Connor Schmitz	205 Cortez St.	
16. Will O'Sullivan	201 Cortez	
17. Julie Arce	101 Cortez	
18. CHRIS BECCARIA	196 Cortez St	
19. Erin Adams	141 Cortez St	
20. Mary Aguiar	172 Cortez St	

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1. Gayle Shank	150 Magellan St. ^{Capitola}	Gayle Shank
2. Steve Shank	" "	Steve Shank
3. Ben Shank	150 Magellan St. ^{Capitola}	Ben Shank
4. Brent White	149 Magellan St.	Brent White
5. KENT SCHUMBERG	146 MAGALLAN ST	Kent Schumberg
6. Katie Orlando	142 Magellan St	Katie Orlando
7. Kieran Horn	141 Magellan St.	Kieran Horn
8. Ann Hoppe	137 Magellan St	Ann Hoppe
9. Dean Hoppe	137 Magellan St	Dean Hoppe
10. Wade Fontes	512 Bellevue St.	Wade Fontes
11. Zachary Patrode	137 Magellan St.	Zachary Patrode
12. Dean Prikazsky	138 Sir Francis Ct	Dean Prikazsky
13. Robert Prikazsky	138 Sir Francis Ct	Robert Prikazsky
14. John Dufresne	154 Sir Francis Ct.	John Dufresne
15. Ed Arredondo	141 Sir Francis Ct	Ed Arredondo
16. Steven Robinson	137 Sir Francis Ct.	Steven Robinson
17. Lea Robinson	137 Sir Francis Ct	Lea Robinson
18. James Vignora	805 SIR FRANCIS	James Vignora
19. Vene Bacon	833 Sir Francis Ave	Vene Bacon
20. Ross MIYAMA	841 SIR FRANCIS AVE	Ross Miyama

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1. Lindy Campbell	161 Magellan St	Lindy Campbell
2. Julia Topping	208 Magellan St	Julia Topping
3. Paul Dubois	201 Magellan St	Paul Dubois
4. Scott Harwood	205 MAGELLEN ST	Scott Harwood
5. Minnie Aniza Harman	205 Magellan St.	Minnie Aniza Harman
6. Matt Topping	208 Magellan St	Matt Topping
7. Grace Bellows	201 Magellan St	Grace Bellows
8. Jessie Bellows	201 Magellan St	Jessie Bellows
9. Cameron Reed	408 Hill St.	Cameron Reed
10. Colleen Bellows	201 Magellan St	Colleen Bellows
11. Paul Dubois	201 Magellan St	Paul Dubois
12. Bill Ewing	209 MAGELLAN ST	WILLIAM EWING
13. Maria Thomas	213 Magellan St.	Maria Thomas
14. Phillip Thomas	213 Magellan St.	Phillip Thomas
15. Eleanor Johnson	317 Magellan	Eleanor Johnson
16. Mike Kalene	221 Magellan St.	Mike Kalene
17. ROBERT FRAUK	837 Columbus Dr	Robert Frauk
18. Tammy McBride	901 Columbus Dr	Tammy McBride
19. Vicki Rubalcaba	909 Columbus	Vicki Rubalcaba
20. Gail Wingert	445 Plum St	Gail Wingert

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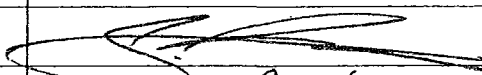

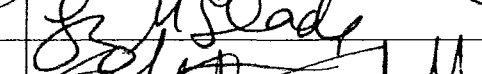

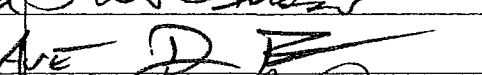
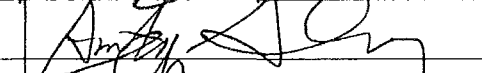
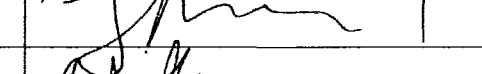

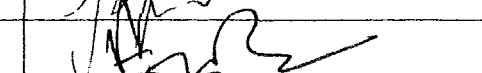
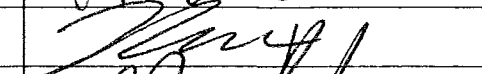
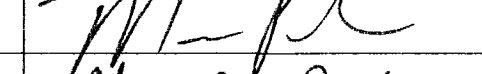
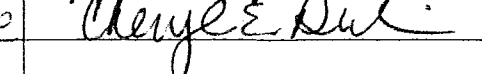
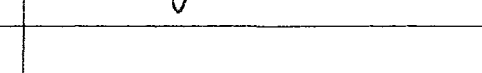
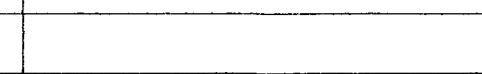
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1. JOHN S. WALBRIDGE	153 MAGELLAN ST.	
2. Annelio Walbridge	153 Magellan St Capitola	
3. Diane Emigh	506 Mc Cormick Ct	
4. Donna Johnson	515 "	
5. Brent Osterman	526 McCormick Ct	
6. Penelope Carless	523 Mc Cormick Ct.	P Carless.
7. Kaye Cefaloni	507 Mc Cormick	
8. Patsia Ewreca	406 McCormick	
9. Colleen Martin-Garcia	426 McCormick Ct	
10. Kim Barry	424 McCormick	
11. Edith Lemi	422 Mc Cormick	
12. Vivian Moutafian	420 McCormick	
13. Richard Olypsu	417 McCormick	
14. Mark E. Buchanan	416 McCormick Ct	
15. Jill Lundis	402 Mc Cormick	Jill Lundis
16. JAMES ROE	402 Mc Cormick Ave	
17. Ana Paula Sontee	1112 Ballas Ln #4	
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1. Shane Pearlman	211 Washburn Ave	
2. Julie Pearlman	211 Washburn Ave	
3. Liz McDade	421 McCormick	
4. Elliott Campbell	421 McCormick	
5. Bob Russo	4701 Old San Jose Rd	
6. DANEN BARRY	424 McCormick Ave	
7. Anita Alvarez	416 Loma Ave	
8. Rachel Jaffe	416 Loma Ave. B	
9. Jim Ferguson	406 Loma Ave	
10. John Chabon	383 Washburn Ave	
11. V. Fernandez	829 Sir Francis	
12. Rick Volgger	837 Sir Francis	
13. MAEC Pacheco	511 Monterey	
14. Cheryl E. Duli	519 Monterey Ave	
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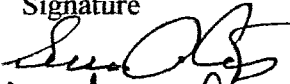
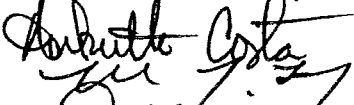









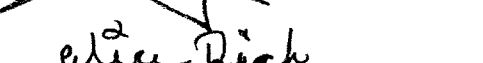





Print Name	Address	Signature
1. Carla Christensen	101 Saxon Ave Capitola	Carla Christensen
2. Katie Shank	1001 B Balboa Ave	Katie Shank
3. Peter Olmest	1003 B Balboa Ave	Peter Olmest
4. Joe Bruni	1005 A Balboa Ave	Joe Bruni
5. [Signature]	1510 Balboa Ave	[Signature]
6. William E Roosen	1010 Balboa Ave	William E Roosen
7. Susan E Roosen	1010 Balboa Ave	Susan E Roosen
8. Antonia J. Stierben	1013A Balboa Ave	Antonia J. Stierben
9. Ted Shank	1007 B Balboa St	Ted Shank
10. Shannon Dayton	924 Columbus Dr	Shannon Dayton
11. Matt Dayton	924 Columbus Dr	Matt Dayton
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1. Scott Costa	829 Monterey Ave	
2. Anbrette Costa	829 Monterey Ave.	
3. Mike Filley	735 Capitola Ave	
4. Deborah Perkins	300 Plum St.	
5. Jan	Arlington	
6. STEWART	923 BALBOA	
7. ALICE	CAPITOLA	
8. ROWEN GRIFFIN	850 ROSDALE #39	
9. SAGE ADAMS	CAPITOLA CA 95010	
10. Matt Little	1775 47th AVE 95010	
11. Bill Russell	732 Rosdale Ave #3 95010	
12. ANDREW MCEWAN	889 Balboa St. Capitola, CA 95010	
13. Andrew Massaro	2070 AVALON AVE # 95010	
14. Bob Rich	1628 Chanticleer Ave	
15. Alice Rich	105 SACRAMENTO	
16. Anna Spindola	600 Park Ave	
17. Ryan Santee	1112 Callas Ln #4	
18. Madeline Costa	1112 Callas Lane #4	
19. Madeline Costa	829 Monterey Ave	

-12 non residents

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1. Nicole Conley	900 Kennedy Drive	<i>Nicole Conley</i>
2. Mark Conley	900 Kennedy Drive	<i>Mark Conley</i>
3. Charles Moker	1002 Balboa Ave	<i>Charles Moker</i>
4. William Moker	1002 Balboa Ave	<i>William Moker</i>
5. Leona Magerle	838 Monterey Ave	<i>Leona Magerle</i>
6. Kevin Magerle	838 Monterey Ave	<i>Kevin Magerle</i>
7. Alissa Buck	1116 Calais Ln. #2, CAPITOLA	<i>Alissa Buck</i>
8. Mary Magerle	125 Wesley St	<i>Mary Magerle</i>
9. Michael Magerle	125 Wesley	<i>Michael Magerle</i>
10. Korie Pavloff	1117 Sutherland Ln Capitola	<i>Korie Pavloff</i>
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1. Shellee Hudson

929 Ponselle Ln #1

Shellee Hudson

2. Michael Knight

1765 48th Ave

Michael Knight

3. Dawn Morrow

912 Ponselle Ln #1

Dawn Morrow

4. Rich Berglund

1153 Callas Lane #1

Rich Berglund

5. Lannie Seaton

41091 Sutherland, CA

Lannie Seaton

6. Michael Rios

917 Ponselle #1

Michael Rios

7. Elizabeth Rios

917 Ponselle Lane

Elizabeth Rios

8. Lori Grice

921 Ponselle Ln #1

Lori Grice

9. Mary Crouser

925 Ponselle Ln #1

Mary Crouser

10. James Garaska

834 Monterey Ave

James Garaska

11. Erik Santee

1112 Callas Ln #4

Erik Santee

12. Audrey Finch

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1. MARISSA LEE	1112 Sutherland Ln #4	MLee
2. Beau Silver	1113 Sutherland Ln #2	B Silver
3. Rachel Silver	1113 Sutherland #2	Rachel Silver
4. Joni Jacobs	1126 Sutherland #2	Joni Jacobs
5. Joy Ellis	1126 Sutherland #2	Joy Ellis
6. Michael Banke	1125 Sutherland Ln #2	Michael Banke
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1. Mark Mercer	1116 Sills 1116 ^{#2}	M Mercer
2. STEVE WESTMAN	1119 SILLS CT #3	Steve Westman
3. Donna T. Swedberg	1123 Sills Ct. #1	Donna Swedberg
4. Joanna Palacino	1131 S. ILS CT. #2	Joanna Palacino
5. Lore Newton	1128 Sills Ct. #1	Lore Newton
6. May Avila	1128 Sills Ct Ap 1	May Avila
7. Theresa Skulick	1128 SILLS CT #3	Theresa Skulick
8. Erik Hutchison	1124 Sills Ct #3	Erik Hutchison
9. Stephanie Murphy	1120 Sills Ct #2	Stephanie Murphy
10. Jackie Hinds	1116 SILLS CT. #3	Jackie Hinds
11. Timothy A. Hinds	1116 SILLS CT #3	Timothy A. Hinds
12. STAN HERRIN	1112 #2 Sutherland	Stan Herrin
13. Kim Pannell	1112 Sutherland #2	Kim Pannell
14. Susan Johnson	1109 Sutherland #4	Susan Johnson
15. Christin Hadland	1112 Sutherland #3	Christin Hadland
16. Christin Hadland	Sutherland #3	Christin Hadland
17. Dan Lupina	1113 Sutherland Ln #1	Dan Lupina
18. Mica Sutherland	1109 SUTHERLAND LN #3	Mica Sutherland
19. Jessica Perri	1112 Sutherland Ln #4	Jessica Perri
20. BRIAN FERRI	1112 SUTHERLAND LN #4	Brian Perri

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1. <i>Shu X Beadall</i>	829 Columbus Dr.	<i>Shu X Beadall</i>
2. <i>Philip F. Fabich</i>	821 Columbus Dr.	<i>Philip F. Fabich</i>
3. <i>Jackie Fabich</i>	821 Columbus Dr.	<i>Jackie Fabich</i>
4. <i>ROB MAIER</i>	212 ELINOR ST.	<i>Rob Maier</i>
5. <i>BARBARA MIKE</i>	216 ELINOR ST.	<i>Barbara Mike</i>
6. <i>Lauron Spagnola</i>	208 ELINOR ST	<i>Lauron Spagnola</i>
7. <i>Fredy Cole</i>	204 ELINOR ST.	<i>Fredy Cole</i>
8. <i>Sean Tutman</i>	730 Orchid Ave	<i>Sean Tutman</i>
9. <i>Tessa Tutman</i>	730 Orchid Ave.	<i>Tessa Tutman</i>
10. <i>Rob Berg</i>	110 WESLEY ST	<i>ROBERT BERG</i>
11. <i>Annie M. Lopez</i>	801 Orchid Ave.	<i>Annie M. Lopez</i>
12. <i>Carolyn A Radliff</i>	824 Balboa Ave Cap	<i>Carolyn A Radliff</i>
13. <i>KENNETH RADLIF</i>	42-1 BALBOA AVE	<i>Kenneth Radliff</i>
14. <i>CARROLL HARRINGTON</i>	800 ORCHID AVE.	<i>Carroll Harrington</i>
15. <i>BRIAN HALES</i>	813 ORCHID AVE	<i>Brian Hales</i>
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1. Karen Howard	405 Loma Ave Capitola	<i>Karen Howard</i>
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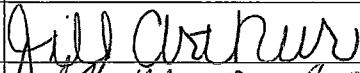


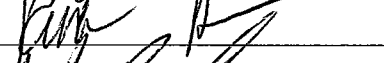

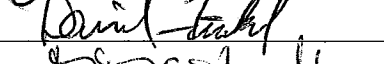
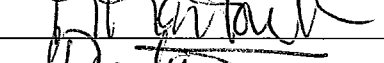
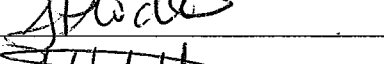
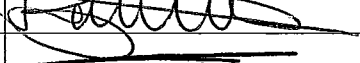


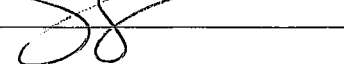
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1. Joshua Whitby	609 Monterey Ave	
2. ALVARO R. LEDESMA	605 Monterey Ave	
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Capitola Beach Co.	131 Monterey Ave.	
Matt Arthur	1360 49th Ave	
CAPITOLA BEACH	US CAPITOLA AVE	
Rena Riccabona	497 Riverview Dr.	
Vince Riccabona	" " "	
Dan Finkel	409 Riverview Ave	
Marie Martorelli	505 RIVERVIEW DR	
Tricia Proctor	505A Riverview DR	
BRINNAN HENSON	618 OAK DR	
John Martorelli	505 RIVERVIEW DR	
Chad Proctor	505A Riverview Dr.	
SHARON STEPHENSON	206 Grand Ave	




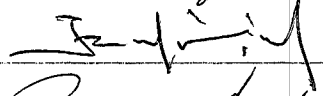

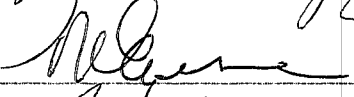

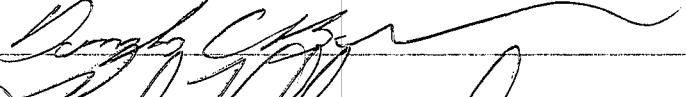
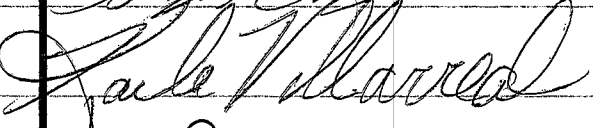
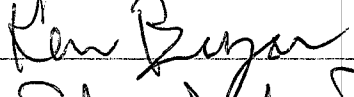
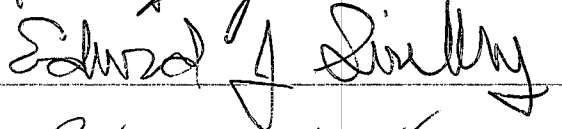
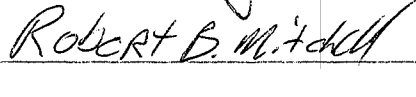
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No Skate Park
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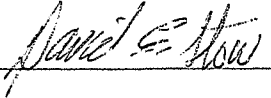
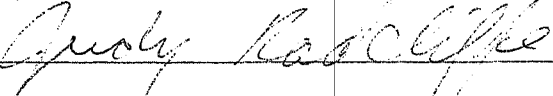
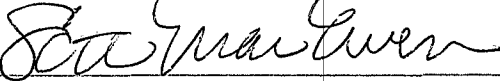


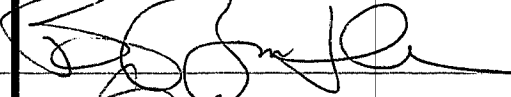

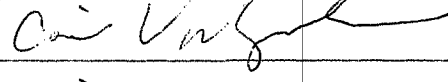
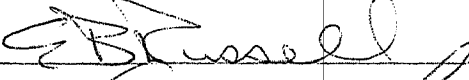
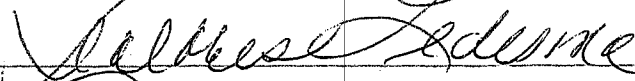
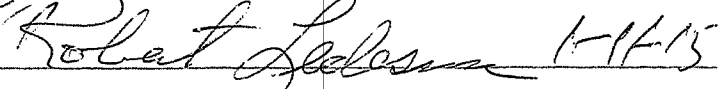

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We OPPOSE a skate park in "Monterey Ave. Park"

KEEP SKATE PARK AT Mc GREGOR SITE

ADDRESS	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
718 Orchid Av Capitola	Edwin S. Schweifler	
706 ORCHID AVE	Ramon Villameal	
142 Wesley St	Rosalee FITZGERALD	
134 Wesley St	Mike Egeuse	
219 Elinor St	Howard Egan	
714 orchid Ave	Douglas Bowman	
706 Orchid Ave	Karla Villameal	
146 Magellan St	Ken Bryan	
207 Elinor St.	Edward J. Guilloay	
710 ORCHID AVE,	Robert B. Mitchell	

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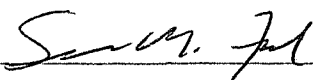


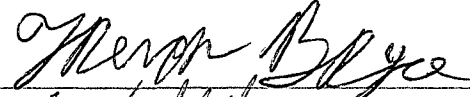

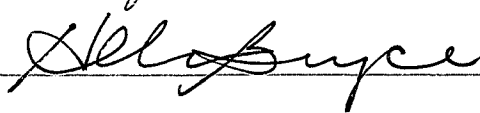
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709 MONTEREY AVE	DAVID AND STEW	
619 Monterey Ave	Judy Radcliffe	
519 Monterey Ave.	Cheryl E. Devlin ←	CHERYL E DEVLIN
511 Monterey Ave	David Donato	Dul Dot
613 MONTEREY AVE	SCOTT MAC EWEN	
705 MONTEREY AVE	MIKE AND BARBARA ARROYO	
1121 Sutherland Ln #1	Cecelia Sellers	
717 Monterey ave	Brett Bartle	
809 Monterey Ave	Amy Pasquini	
505 MONTEREY-1 AVE	GIL VALBUENA	
601 Monterey AVE	Elisabeth Russell	
605 Monterey Ave.	DOLORES LEDESMA	
605 MONTEREY AVE	Robert Ledesma	 1-11-15
609 Monterey Ave	Joshua Whitney	 1/12/15

KEEP SKATE PARK AT Mc GREGOR SITE

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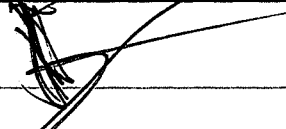

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515 Monterey Ave	Roberto Donato	R's D's
725 Monterey Ave	Jim McKenzie	Jim McKenzie
621 Monterey Ave	JAMES K. WAGNER	James K. Wagner Sr.
729 MONTEREY AVE.	HARRY J. GAI	Harry J. Gai
300 Plum St #4	Kelly Baxter	Kelly Baxter
300 Plum St. #8	MICHAEL ANTON	Michael Anton
300 Plum St. #9	CYNTHIA DEEBAN	Cynthia Deeban
300 Plum St. #12	JOHN C. LIEBERUM	John C. Lieberum
300 Plum St. #15	Donna Saffren	Donna Saffren
300 Plum St. #17	Lavinia Preston	Lavinia Preston
300 Plum St. #25	Sheryl Coulston	Sheryl M. Coulston
300 Plum St #32	DORREEN AMARAN	Doreen Amaral
300 Plum St. #35	Deborah Perkins	D. Perkins
300 Plum St. #36	Polly A. Malik	Polly A. Malik

We OPPOSE a skate park at Monterey Park
KEEP SKATE PARK AT Mc GREGOR SITE

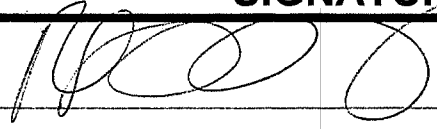
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722 Orchid Ave Capitola CA 95010	Deryn Harris	 2/1/15
956 KENNEDY DR APT 4 CAPITOLA, CA. 95010	SUSAN FLACK	 FEB 2 15
Kailee 2-2-15	Kailee Schaffner	956 Kennedy Dr
456 Kennedy Dr Capitola CA Unit B 95010	Amrita Khalsa	 2/1/15
722 Orchid Ave Capitola 95010	Norman Hank	 2/1/15
722 orchid Ave Capitola	Trevor Bryce	 2/1/15
722 Orchid Ave Capitola	Cassandra Mattis	 2/1/15
722 Orchid Ave Capitola	Helen Bryce	 2/2/15

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ADDRESS	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
300 PLUM ST #2	JOHN RICHARDSON	
300 PLUM ST #9	LINDA STEARNS	Linda W. Stearns
300 Plum St. #10	Marsha Isaacson	Marsha Isaacson
300 Plum St. #18	LEN LOSIK	Len Losik - call - 831 240-9043
804 Ormond Ave	Meredith Rausan	
129 WALKER ST.	Tony Burt	T. Burt
121 MONTEREY AVE	EARL WALLACE	Earl Wallace

We ~~OPPOSE~~ a skate park in Monterey Park
KEEP SKATE PARK AT Mc GREGOR SITE

ADDRESS	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
202 EUNOR ST	Russell Stephens	
215 Elinor St	Frances Travers	Frances Travers
153 Cabrillo S	Dorrell Gold	Dorrell Gold
153 CABRILLO	Phillip Gold	Phillip Gold
154 Cabrillo	Jane Stillinger	Jane Stillinger
133 Cabrillo	Jean Side	Jean Side
726 Orchid Ave.	Don Betterley	D. J. Betterley
212 EUNOR ST.	ROB MAYER	R. H. Mayer
121 Cabrillo st.	Chris Hawk	Chris Hawk
101 Wesley St	JOANNE YOUNG	Joanne Young
800 Orchid Ave.	CAROL HARRINGTON	Carol Harrington



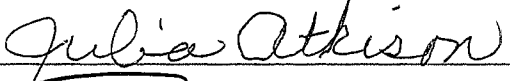
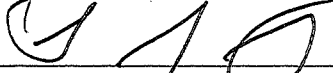
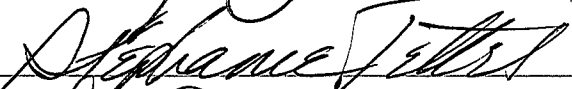

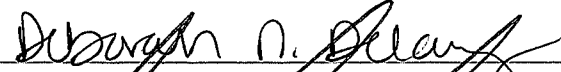

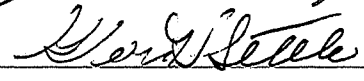
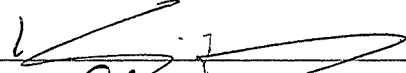
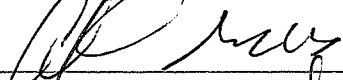
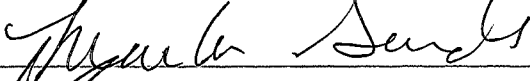
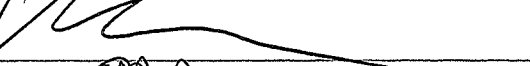

We OPPOSE a skatepark in Monterey Park
KEEP SKATE PARK AT Mc GREGOR SITE

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230 Junipero Ct.	Don Sanders	Donald B. Sanders
226 Junipero Ct	Tom Croisson	Tom Croisson
228 Junipero Ct.	Laura Crosser	Laura Crosser
210 JUNIPERO CT.	KATE STONE	Kate Stone
1066 41st Ave.	Andrew Steingrube	Andrew Steingrube
1781 42ND AVE	BERNICE McLOWMES	Bernice McLowmes
1745 48th Ave, CA	Marilyn Clamon	Marilyn Clamon
3202 Stockbridge	Marilyn Meyers	Marilyn Meyers

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KEEP SKATE PARK AT Mc GREGOR SITE *Not At Monterey Park*

ADDRESS	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
223 JUNIPERO COURT, CAPITOLA	ROBIN GAITHER	
218 Junipero Ct, Capitola	MARILYN WARTER	
218 Junipero Ct Capitola	Julia ATKISON	
222 JUNIPERO CT	TERRY TETTER	
222 Junipero Ct.	Stephanie Tetter	
206 Junipero Ct.	DELORIS R. OSBORN	
211 Junipero Ct.	Deborah N. Delancy	
207 Junipero Ct.	ANTHONY B. BRUNS	
215 Juniper Ct	GLORIA H. SETTLE	
227 Junipero Court	Kailash Mozunder	
219 Junipero Ct.	Al Globus	
231 Junipero Ct	Marla Sanders	
231 Junipero Ct	Mike Sanders	
231 JUNIPERO CT	TRAVIS SANDERS	

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WE OPPOSE a skatepark in Monterey Avenue Park
KEEP SKATE PARK AT Mc GREGOR SITE

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113 Wesley St. Glenda Guin	Glenda Guin	Glenda Guin
102 Wesley St.	Max Bozaly	Max Bozaly
114 Wesley St.	JOHN DELL'ACQUA	John Dell'Acqua
120 Wesley	Arnan Murkin	Arnan Murkin

**From the Desk of
Dr. Francine Frome
916 Ponselle Lane # 1
Capitola California 95010**

January 31, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

**FEB 05 2015
CITY OF CAPITOLA
CITY CLERK**

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to state my objection to the building of a skateboard facility in Monterey Park. My understanding is that a skateboard facility is being built at McGregor Park.

If you build a second skateboard facility in Monterey Park, the residents of our neighborhood would be surrounded by noise and traffic – and that would be overwhelming. However, even if you did not have the skateboard facility at McGregor, a skateboard facility in Monterey Park would be a terrible idea.

I bought my home here for the beautiful peaceful natural and green space it provides – as did most of my neighbors. The General Plan for the City says to maintain the character of our residential neighborhoods. I agree with that position.

Also, I care about having a diversity of recreational opportunities, not ones that cater to just one segment of the population. We care about serving a variety of different populations – people of all ages and abilities.

Even if the funding for a second skateboard facility is coming from an outside source, the city will still have to do extra policing and deal with graffiti. What about the additional traffic, which is another source of noise. Have you considered the burden that skateboard facilities in two locations will add to the HOA of Capitola Knolls?

Let me draw your attention to the issue of noise, as it is addressed in the Capitola General Plan:

“Noise is generally defined as unwanted sound, and may produce physiological or psychological damage and/or interfere with communication, work, rest, recreation, or sleep. Noise is especially a concern in the vicinity of noise-sensitive uses, which are generally defined as locations where people reside or where the presence of unwanted sound could adversely affect the use of land, such as residences, schools, and hospitals.”

And

“Sensitive Receptors

Noise sensitive land uses are typically given special attention to achieve protection from excessive noise. Noise sensitive land uses include residential areas, hospitals, libraries, schools, parks, and retirement homes.”

Please note that – **Parks. Schools. Residential Areas.** That’s what we have in the neighborhood. People in their homes and **children in school**, in particular, would be negatively impacted by the additional noise.

The Capitola General Plan takes the matter of noise very seriously. Please do not let people with handheld decibel measuring devices attempt to dismiss this issue. Please keep in mind that noise is additive.

As a **psychologist, distinguished scholar, and published author in the field of acoustic perception**, I can say with certainty that a skateboard facility in Monterey Park is a dangerously unhealthy proposal.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine Frome". Below the signature, the initials "FF" are written in a small, bold font.

(Francine Frome, Ph.D.)

PO Box 1305
Capitola CA 95010-1305
February 4, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

FEB 05 2015
CITY OF CAPITOLA
CITY CLERK

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to let you know that I very **strongly oppose** the construction of a skateboarding area, of any size, in Monterey Park.

Let me tell you a bit of why I feel this way. I am a long time resident of Capitola. I am a voter and a property owner. I own my home on Orchid Avenue as well a duplex on Kennedy Drive. Cliffwood Heights has been home to my extended family from my grandmother and her sister to my children. I mention this because I would like you to know that we have an investment in the future of Capitola – in particular in the Cliffwood Heights area. This is where we have put down roots.

I feel very strongly that a skateboarding area in Monterey Park would not fit in with the character of our neighborhood. My family was attracted to the beauty and tranquility of our neighborhood, including our neighborhood park.

I also feel that using any of space in Monterey Park for skateboarding would be a disservice all the residents of our neighborhood: young and old and in-between.

Skateboarding is a popular sport, but not all children skate. Additionally, although there are girls who skate, there are, in truth, far more boys who use skateboards. What about the little girls in our community who don't skate? They will be among the losers if you allow a skatepark in Monterey Park. Girls need outdoor spaces and parks for their physical and emotional health, perhaps even more so because our culture still encourages boys to be more active than girls - and girls struggle with body image issues far more than boys do.

Just a few days ago, I was speaking with a 9-year-old girl who lives on Kennedy. She said it just doesn't make sense to build a skateboarding place in Monterey Park. I agree with her!

On the other hand, I strongly support the multi-use park at McGregor, and I congratulate the Council on moving forward with this project. McGregor is an appropriate place for a noisy park. I have no doubt that McGregor Park will be an attractive and well-loved park that will appeal to many of the different interests of Capitola residents. I am looking forward to visiting McGregor Park with my family, and I wish to thank the City Council for creating a beautiful and safe park at McGregor.

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February 4, 2015

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420 Capitola Avenue
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We know the value of parks and green space. There is no question that green space is **essential** for physical health and emotional well-being. Parks are vital components of neighborhoods, which add value to our lives not just as individuals but also as communities. In order to live together in harmony, we need tranquil places to soothe us and nurture us. As our population grows, we need to cherish our neighborhood parks for the respite they provide. In this way, our neighborhood park, Monterey Park, serves people of all ages and all interests.

In thinking about the future of Capitola, I feel very strongly that we need to preserve our neighborhood parks for our children (our children who have many **different** interests), for the adults they will become, and for the children they will, in turn, have.

We all need balance in our lives. McGregor Park will provide a variety of recreational opportunities that appeal to families and individuals of varying interests. It will be a large and busy park. It's the ideal location for skateboards, bikes, and off-leash dogs.

Monterey Park should remain a neighborhood park for everyone, to be used gently for the best possible future for the children of Capitola.

I urge you – implore you – to say **no** the proposal for a skatepark in Monterey Park.
Thank you!

Sincerely yours,



(Helen Bryce)

722 Orchid Avenue
Capitola CA 95010
February 4, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

FEB 05 2015
CITY OF CAPITOLA
CITY CLERK

Dear City Council Members,

It has come to my attention that Capitola is considering a proposal to build a skatepark in the Monterey Avenue Park. I am most vigorously **opposed** to that proposal.

I grew up in this neighborhood, and my new wife and I call it home. I attended both Capitola Elementary School and New Brighton Middle School. We are raising our children here because we believe this is a great neighborhood.


A skatepark in Monterey Park is a bad idea. First of all, the City is already building a skatepark on McGregor, so it's redundant and a waste of space that is better left as it is (or made into a garden space or a play space or something **everyone** can enjoy – which it is now).

But even if a skatepark at McGregor did not happen (the City says it **will**), it's a terrible idea to put one in a residential neighborhood next to people's houses. It's not just the issue of noise, but of disruption. Skateparks do not belong where people are trying to sleep, relax, and spend peaceful time with their families – in other words, where people **live**.

Also, there is the school next door, New Brighton School. Right now, there is a grassy hill between the school and the athletic field in Monterey Park. This is an important buffer, not just for people who live in the neighborhood, but also for the students while at school, concentrating on their studies. It makes no sense to remove the hill and replace it with something that will add noise, plus be a distraction to the students.

We believe recreation is important, but not all recreational facilities are appropriate in a residential neighborhood. We'd like our neighborhood park to stay a **park**. Please, no skateboards in Monterey Park.

Yours truly,



(Trevor Bryce)

722 Orchid Avenue
Capitola CA 95010
February 2, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

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CITY OF CAPITOLA
CITY CLERK

Dear Council Members:

I have lived on Orchid Avenue for several years and I love this neighborhood. Monterey Park is behind my house. I love this park.

I really **really** object to the idea of skateboarding in Monterey Park. A skatepark in being built at McGregor, and that is the best place for a skatepark.

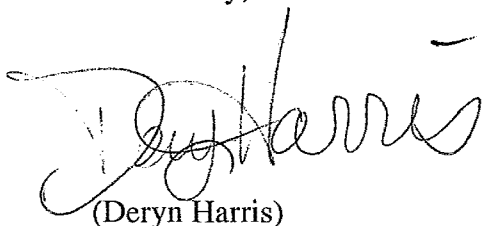
Many of my neighbors don't want skateboards in Monterey Park, and they will tell you their own reasons. Personally, I love the peaceful greenness of Monterey Park, and I would like it to stay that way.

The person who is proposing the park has said (on her website) that those of us who don't want a skatepark in Monterey Park are "old people" and/or "anti-children". This is not true. I am in my early thirties. There are children who live on Orchid Avenue. This is a great neighborhood. I would like it to stay that way. I love Monterey Park.

Another issue I'd like to bring up is that not everyone works 9AM to 5PM. There are people in our neighborhood who work nights or staggered shifts. Currently, I am working 9 PM to 5 AM six nights a week. I sleep during the day. This is ok for me in our peaceful residential neighborhood. But a skatepark would make the neighborhood too noisy. I also don't want stones thrown at my bedroom windows, and litter and graffiti.

I believe the City of Capitola has a duty to maintain the character of our residential neighborhoods (according the General Plan). I ask the Council to do your duty – not just for those who live here now, but also for the future of Capitola! Thank you.

Yours truly,



(Deryn Harris)

Kathy & Ed Schweifler
718 Orchid Ave.
Capitola CA 95010

RE. MONTEREY AVE PARK;

I thought we had already solved the skatepark 2 1/2 years ago via the powers in ~~the~~ control & passed by the citizens votes.

Our backyard backs up to this park & we love the sounds of adults & children for what it was intended & mostly overlooked & supervised by adults. A skateboard park between many different ages would have much undesirables bringing in alcohol & drugs. Parking here is very difficult as we are already overloaded & access to the park by lack of entrances would be a real problem.

Since a few people have offered to pay for construction doesn't seem right to throw out the original plans & voters desires. I am against this new idea & cannot imagine combining skateboards with baseball, soccer & the daily use of recess & sports.

I'm sure many parents will use this new Brighton ~~to~~ park to drop their children off & expect to leave them while they do other things. Another issue is the walking of dogs. Even though leash laws are in effect, many choose freedom with their animals. Adding more variety of ages to this property is really asking for trouble

Thank You!

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722 Orchid Avenue
Capitola CA 95010
January 30, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

FEB 05 2015

**CITY OF CAPITOLA
CITY CLERK**

Dear City of Capitola Council Members:

I am a 27 year old Bride to Be living on Orchid Avenue. I love the quiet neighborhood, with a park nearby to walk and exercise in, not to mention a nearby school. It's the perfect place to raise a family... and I truly don't want that to change.

Unfortunately, there are a few people who don't live on this street who seem to disagree. Despite having a Capitola Skate Park confirmed and being built at McGregor, they insist that another should still be built at Monterey Park, almost literally in my back yard. One is not enough for them, and they do not care that such a loud, active park, and the traffic it would bring would be disruptive to the lives and comfort of the people who are living next to it.

For them, it is all of the benefits and none of the consequences. For those living here, it is the inverse. That a Skate Park is being built and belongs in an area designed for Public Recreation, a place that will bother no one, doesn't matter if it's inconvenient to them.

In our modern world, trees and green spaces are a precious commodity. Studies have shown that trees and green things increase both quality of life and property values of people living in them. We're already losing Jade Street Park in bits and pieces, with no guarantee it will stay forever. We live surrounded by natural beauty and yet it grows harder and harder for residents to actually enjoy it.

I also would be remiss not to address the subject of ageism that seems for some reason linked to all discussions involving the Skate Park. They press this idea that it's only 'old fogies' who don't want it, try to paint a picture of the stereotypical old man yelling at the young'uns to get off his lawn, and all the cool, young, hip generation are gung ho for it. They're not, and I'm not. And the only thing that will change when it's built is I'll be less comfortable in my own home. I'll have one less quiet refuge, and lose the only one truly close to me, because the Skate Park they already got is 'not good enough.' I'll have more traffic and noise on the weekends, which up until now had been a chance to actually be peaceful.

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The most ironic part of it is? There is one big thing that many opponents of the second Skate Park have in common to those for it: location. Those closest, those who will be most deeply affected and suffer the consequences of it, don't want it. Those that do? Well, she's drawing supporters in from all over the county. She's rallying skaters from all across Santa Cruz to stand up for their 'oppressed' people. Oppressed, because they can't get enough. Oppressed, because locals, true locals, refuse to quietly lose a place important to them. They're twisting reality to make it a denial, us somehow wronging them or stealing from them, when they're the ones trying to take away something we already have.

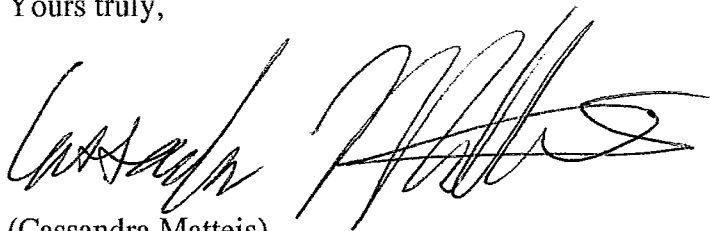
The worst of it is the contempt. The idea that not enjoying what they do makes us lesser. That I don't deserve to have a place to have a romantic picnic, or jog without kids jeering at my weight or noise so loud my headphones enough, or to even quietly watch movies within my own home.

I want Capitola to keep that space beautiful. I want my future children to be able to enjoy it – whether they're skaters or not. I don't want them to feel like outsiders if they prefer pulling out a sketchbook to a skateboard, if they'd rather chess than a pair of rollerblades.

Our neighborhood has a lovely character. She's like a peaceful old lady with a beautiful garden, who loves to bake cookies for her grandchildren. Quiet, warm, welcoming, full of charm and history. Please, don't blight this place with a Skate Park in Monterey Park. We already are going to have one, where it belongs, at McGregor.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cassandra Matteis', written in a cursive style.

(Cassandra Matteis)

722 Orchid Avenue
Capitola CA 95010
February 1, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

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Dear Council Members:

I live on Orchid Avenue in Capitola. I am writing because I am **not** at all in favor of a skateboard park in Monterey Park.

Orchid Avenue is a residential neighborhood. There should **not** be a skateboard park right next to our homes and backyards. This would cause noise and disturbances of all sorts, graffiti, littering, and so on.

Then there is the issue of the best use of the park itself. Right now, people picnic and play on the grassy knoll. You could put in a picnic table and everyone in the neighborhood would love it. But most people are happy with it as it is. People also sit on the knoll to watch the games in the park. It's a nice place to spread out a blanket. People need that.

It would be a travesty to remove the knoll and put in skateboards, especially since you're building a skateboard park on McGregor. If you want something for the kids, a jungle gym and a picnic table would be great, maybe a little off to the side.

Many of us like to walk in the park. The proposed plan you sent in the mail would mess that up. It shows a fence around the skateboard park, and another fence along the field. If you do that, at least one third of the path through the park is going to have fences on both sides.

Also, this skateboard plan is for 6000 square feet. That's three houses size big. But, in any case, it should not be built, no matter what size, because this is a residential neighborhood. Skateboarding would have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

Many people are concerned about the value of their homes. You have to look at the big picture. A home's price is not just determined when it goes on the market to be sold. **Here are other circumstances to keep in mind: (1) when a family refinances, (2) when getting a reverse mortgage, (3) when people need to borrow against the equity in their house due to emergencies such as unexpected medical bills, (4) when people need to upgrade their properties.**

Please say No to a skateboard park in Monterey Park. Thank you.

Yours truly,



(Norman D. Lane)

May 3, 2015

City of Capitola
420 Capitola Ave
Capitola, CA 95010

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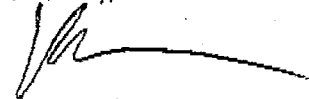
Dear Mr. Bottorff and City Members

I want to express my concern for the proposed skateboard park behind my house. I have lived in my home since April of 1987 and enjoy the quiet neighborhood we currently have. My wife and I plan to retire here and hope that the neighborhood stays that way. When the last park was proposed our next door neighbor was in the process of trying to sell his house. At one point he had a valid offer on the house, but they backed out once they were information of the skateboard park being considered. I don't understand why we would need two skateboard parks a mile from each other. Additionally, I have the following concerns.

- Traffic and noise
- Potential gang activity
- Who will be paying for the ongoing maintenance and monitoring the activity
- Will the neighborhood change
- How will this affect the home values, especially those close to the park

I also the neighborhood voice should be heard vs. someone that lives out of the neighborhood as we will have to live with the decision after it's made. I also understand that none of my concerns may occur if the park is built, but if they are realized it would be too late to stop it.

Sincerely,



Mike Sanders

231 Junipero Ct

Capitola, CA 95010

Travster52001@yahoo.com

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Dawn Morrow [dawnrmorrow@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 7:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Proposed Skatepark on Monterey Avenue

Dear Council Members,

I want to express my vote AGAINST the proposed skatepark on Monterey Avenue. I attended a meeting on Saturday January 24th to hear what the two mothers proposing the park had to say. The first issue I brought up when I arrived to one of the mothers is that it's a safety hazard to have any kind of park with young children that close to a baseball field. She disagreed and said that "They can't hit the ball that far". Not ten minutes later a teenager hit a home run which hit my hand at the base of my thumb fracturing it. Needless to say I am particularly frustrated.

A proposed park of 2,000 square feet was vetoed 2 years ago, so why on earth would they now think that a park three times that size will be approved? In addition to the safety reasons stated above, these are my other reasons for concern:

1. Liability & Safety issues (for cases such as mine).
2. Increased traffic on a street that is already very heavily traveled for a residential area.
3. Cost - Patrolling the park, putting in bathrooms and then locking and unlocking them.
4. Skateparks often attract an undesirable element to a community. There has been increased crime levels in Capitola as it is, I cannot imagine that this will help. My understanding is that the Capitola PD isn't happy about the idea either.
5. Two Skateparks within 2 miles of each other is unnecessary.
6. Distraction for kids at New Brighton Middle School.
7. Donor - I wonder if there is some kind of conflict of interest on the part of the donor for the park. I can't imagine any other reason why, at the meeting I attended, they would refuse to reveal the donors identity, which they did.

I will be in attendance at the meeting on the 11th, but hope that my concerns will be taken into consideration by the Council Members prior to the meeting.

Regards,

Dawn Morrow

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: A. Morocco [moroccoz@rocketmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 4:51 PM
To: City Council
Cc: t.proctor@nhs-inc.com; Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net)
Subject: Monterey Park Proposed Skate Park

Distinguished Council Members -

I am writing to express our interest in favor of the proposed skate park area in Monterey Park.

Our daughter attends New Brighton Middle School and would enjoy having a nearby place to skate freely without fear of traffic. We live in the jewel box area of Capitola, and it also would be wonderful for her to have a safe, secure area nearby to hang out with her friends and enjoy some fresh air and exercise.

The fact that the park would be funded by private donors would also be easy on the community coffers.

Thank you for considering our position on this matter. We look forward to learning the outcome of this project.

Sincerely,

Andrew and Anna Morocco
Topaz Street, Capitola

Anna M. Morocco, CSR 8963

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Tricia Proctor [t.proctor@nhs-inc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 10:41 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net)
Subject: Benefits of Public Skateparks
Attachments: The Benefits of Public Skateparks.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Council and Staff, We understand you have been receiving quite a few emails regarding the proposed skate park at Monterey Ave Park and not so sure you have the time to read all of them but if you read anything this is it. This attachment is very informative and worthy of the knowledge gained. We want to make sure you all have the right answers and statistics to inform all questions that may or may not come up at our public hearing.

We can't thank you enough for all your time, patience, reading and listening.

With all do respect,
Tricia and Marie

"Knowledge is Power"- late sixteenth century, **Francis Bacon**

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See "The Benefits of Public Skate Parks" in

Attachment 1

www.spohnranch.com

To: The Honorable Council of the City of Capitola

This letter is written to you in support of the proposed Skate Park at the Monterey Park location. I am the father of a ten-year-old girl and a long time Capitola resident. I have noticed the reduction of available places for my daughter to ride her skateboard over the last several years. This is a great opportunity for you (the council) to help create a safe place for the children of this city to go for recreation. My daughter participates in many sports including skateboarding. These kids/athletes need a safe place to go to practice their sport. The Monterey Park location is ideal for this for several reasons. The smaller design will enable beginner to intermediate kids to participate equally. The space will be locked and gated for security. As a Firefighter/Paramedic I like the fact that this location is not only safe, but also provides good, safe access for the kids. As a city government employee I am well aware of city budgets and the fact that this park will be 100% privately funded is a win win for both the city and the kids. Please do the right thing and approve this park for both the youth of the city and the parents who want a safe place for them to go.

Chris Harmount

Capitola CA.

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: sarah braun [sarahsunbraun@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:21 PM
To: City Council
Subject: [?? Probable Spam] Skate Park at Monterey

February 3, 2015

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Our names are James and Sarah Braun and we are residents of Capitola and supporters of the skate park at Monterey Ave Community Park.

We have lived in Santa Cruz County all our lives and been in Capitola for 7 years. We have an 8 year old son who is an active, sports loving, outdoor boy. We are constantly on our street playing, riding and skating. This area is extremely busy during the holiday and summer season and having the skate park would be a wonderful, safe place for our children. I know that my son along with the many friends he has at school would love to have this addition to our community. Because that's what this community is and what we love about it. Family. Close knit. Safe. Happy. We absolutely LOVE it here.

We understand that some people have concerns but it seems to us that at less than 4% being used there is still going to be more than enough of the four acres to keep much of it the same for the residents that aren't in favor. There's already a middle school present so much of the anticipated "noise" would actually be quite the same that's there already... kids playing and enjoying themselves.

We hope you see that the right decision is one that will create a sanctuary of sorts for these kids. These are the future residents of Capitola. This is their home and we want to support them in healthy, active, safe choices.

We appreciate your time in reading this and thank you for your time.

Kindest regards,

James and Sarah Braun

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Maureen Burnham [moburnham1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:05 PM
To: City Council
Cc: t.proctor@nhs-inc.com; Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net)
Subject: Proposed Capitola Skate Park in Monterey Park

To whom it may concern, (Capitola City Council)

We are residents and homeowners in Capitola. We believe that the city of Capitola would greatly benefit by having a Skate Park for the children.

Unlike Jade Street Park which is owned by the School District, which causes limits to it's use, Monterey park is the only park owned by the City of Capitola. The addition of a skate park would give children a safe and healthy recreational activity.

It is our understanding that the park will be completely Privately Funded with no cost to the City or the taxpayers, which is one more reason why we wholeheartedly support the creation of the Capitola Skate Park. We hope that the City Council will also support the Skate Park too. Thank you for your consideration on this very important project.

Sincerely,
Jeff and Maureen Burnham

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Lisa Steingrube [lisasteingrube@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 6:14 PM
To: Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us); Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); Bottorff, Ed (ebottorff167@yahoo.com); sharlan@ci.capitola.us; Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: No on Skate Park on Monterey Ave

To: Capitola City Council Members

I am against the Monterey Avenue Skate Park.

We need to address the following issues on Monterey Ave BEFORE we add any new activities.

We have the right to preserve the character of our residential area, Cliffwood Heights.

1. DO NOT ALLOW commercial vehicles on Monterey Ave.
2. Develop guidelines for vehicular noise maximums.
3. Re-route New Brighton Middle School traffic to the new Parking lot off Bay Avenue.
4. Implement a ticketing speeding camera on both sides of the street.
5. Put in a public bathroom at Monterey Park.
6. Finish the Skate Park on McGregor Drive with connecting sidewalks.

It is a shame that the new parking lot off Bay Avenue is not used for a simple, skate park for the Jr High Students. It is close to the school.

Please note: The City Council did not approve the Monterey Skate Park 2 1/2 years ago.

Again, before we add another use to Monterey Avenue, we need to fix the existing problems.

Regards,

Cheryl E. Devlin

519 Monterey Avenue

Capitola, CA 95010

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Lisa

February 3, 2015

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Tricia Proctor resident of Capitola and I'm also part of the group that is in support of a skate park at Monterey Ave Community Park.

I'm a mother of two teenage skateboarding boys and have been raised in Capitola since 1970. My family has been living in Capitola since 1942 but vacationed here since 1930. We support just about every event our city has to offer from building Begonia Festival Floats, Surfing Santa to Wednesday Night concerts on the beach. We not only shop local but eat local as often as we can. My Husband and I volunteer at our children's schools with our youngest attending NBMS and our oldest is at Soquel High.

As you know I have been a huge advocate for a safe place for our younger community children to skateboard. Monterey Ave Park belongs to all of us 10K residents and it is located in the middle of town with safety access from all directions. Unfortunately, there are a few residents that feel Monterey Ave Park belongs solely to them. I've had endless conversations with these residents and the bottom line is they don't want anybody at the park and mostly they do not want to see nor hear children playing at the park. I find this so disheartening and mind blowing. To be honest I stopped listening to them once they announced that. However, I'm still going to be respectful, thoughtful and open-minded.

I am asking you to please consider Monterey Ave Park as a safe place for a permanent in ground cement skate park. We are only asking to use less than 4% (3.52%) of the four acre park and there are endless opportunities to move the dirt around to make landscaping features to surround the skate park attractive.

When all is said and done and the skate park is built, those people that worked so hard to convince the community that the skate park would essentially ruin the neighborhood disappear. Their unfounded fears never become reality and if they do then we can fill it up with dirt and move on. Let's do this for our children and support them. We need to live for the future and not only will they be proud of their city leaders but you all can be proud of yourselves.

Thank you again for all you time, patience, reading and listening.

Sincerely,

Tricia Proctor

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Marylee Clamon [trixilulu@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 4:00 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Monterey Ave Skate Park

Please vote no on a skate park on Monterey Ave. in Capitola.

I can only speak for myself, but I am completely against any kind of Skate Park on Monterey Ave. in Capitola. I say I am speaking for myself, which I understand is all I can do, but I do not know a neighbor or other Capitola resident that IS in favor of this park. My opinion is all about safety. Just like when the skateboards were outlawed in the village. Monterey Ave. is a thoroughfare for many drivers going to and from many destinations. Please all vote no on the entire idea.

Marylee Barrett Clamon
1745 48th Ave.
Capitola

February 3 2015

Dear City Council Members,

I included an overview of the people directly surrounding the Monterey Park from the petition that are apposed to the skate park proposal. Not having enough time to expand our petition (about 40 days), we felt this was the best approach.

Thank you for reviewing our concerns.

Dan & Lisa Steingrube
701 Monterey Ave.

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Chris H [chris_hadland@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 4:28 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Tricia Proctor; Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net)

Dear City Council member-

As a resident of Capitola for 15 years and resident in Santa Cruz county for most of my life, I have grown up loving skateboarding in our beach community. As a young kid growing up on the West Side of Santa Cruz, I frequented Derby Park often. It was always a positive experience and I have very fond memories of those times and when visiting my parents now, take my seven and eleven year old boys to Derby park. Many weekends we either end up there or Scotts Valley because we don't have a place closer that is family friendly.

I ask you to consider the youth in our community and make way for a skate park within the community.
Thank you

Chris Hadland
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Capitola, CA
840-0194

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: White, Denise [dwhite@serenogroup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:57 AM
To: City Council
Cc: White, Rick
Subject: Monterey Skate Park

Dear Capitola City Council,

I would like you to consider the importance of the proposed skate park in Capitola located at Monterey Park. While we have the beach at our doorstep, and parks within reach, our community would benefit by having a skate park close to our village. We have implored our children to not to skate in the Capitola Village due to safety, though there is really nowhere else for these kids to go skate close by. To find a skate park it is a drive to Scotts Valley or to the downtown Santa Cruz area. While having a skate park would be wonderful for our full time families with children it would also benefit the visitors who come every year to our Capitola Village area. I have many times seen families visiting on our street with their kids skating in the downtown area only to find it is against the law. We do not offer these families a place in our city to skate either, leaving them in the same situation looking outside our city limits for a safe place to bring their children to skate.

My husband and I decided that this would be the perfect place to raise our family and have been residing in our home for the last 20 years, and we look forward to watching our children one day raise their family here, though I think this town needs to recognize the needs of the young and young at heart.

Thank you for your time,

Denise and Rick White
216 Stockton Ave
Capitola CA 95010
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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Chris Amsden [chris@gslhomoans.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:07 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Skate Park Location Proposal

Hello Mayor and City Council Members,

My name is Chris Amsden, and I am a resident of Kennedy Dr. in Capitola (2 blocks down from Monterey Ave. Park). I am writing to you regarding the location of the proposed skateboard park, and request that you consider the Monterey Ave. Park location as a much more suitable place for this than the New Brighton State Park location proposed by some.

As you probably know, the Cliffwood Heights neighborhood in Capitola has been a predominantly family-inhabited neighborhood for decades now. This was a large part of the reason Kennedy Ave. Park was established in the first place - as a place for families to enjoy outdoor activities in their neighborhood park.

Providing an in-ground cement skate park for children at this location is a natural addition to this park's original development - a safe place for children to play in their own neighborhood. The proposed New Brighton location poses two major problems for children: 1). Kids would be required to negotiate the busy intersection of Park Ave. and Kennedy Dr. in order to get there, and 2). Access to this location is much more limited than the Monterey Ave. Park location.

As a father of 4 kids under age 9, I am always seeking fun activities for the family to do together outdoors, and was thrilled to hear the proposal of the skate park at the Monterey Ave. Park location. Unfortunately, there are a few residents in our neighborhood (most of which do not have young children) that oppose this location for our skate park, and have voiced their opinions loudly.

My response to their argument is this: most of the grounds at Monterey Ave. Park are seldom used on a regular basis. I coach soccer and baseball there very year, play with my kids there every week, and am amazed at the huge expanses of field that are always open. The proposal for the skate park would use less than 4% of this open space - a very small request for the amount of joy this would bring to our neighborhood children.

I think its important to ask who we are building this skate park for, and what we hope to achieve by providing this for our community. If its a safe place for children to have easy access to, where parents can easily supervise and enjoy the surrounding areas, then I believe the Monterey Ave. Park location is clearly the best choice for this.

I sincerely hope you will take this into consideration when making your final decision.

Sincerely,

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Lisa Rupp [lisarupp79@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 12:47 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Capitola Skate Park @ Monterey Ave Park

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing you in regards to the support of a skate park at the Monterey Ave. Park.

I've lived in Santa Cruz county for over 15 years and moved to Capitola +/- 4 years. I've grown to love the strong sense of community that our little village has and respect the ways that it gives back to the residents. It is a joy to see all of the activities that the city provides for the children. My Godson lives around the corner and attends Soquel Elementary. He is an avid sports enthusiast from soccer to baseball, basketball and skating. Many of my friends and neighbors have children that are also extremely active. Not a day goes by that there are not kids skating in front of my house. As you know, the traffic in Capitola continues to grow with the summer months and holidays being exceptionally crowded making playing in the yard and streets more and more unsafe. It is so important to have a safe place for the kids to play and skate. Monterey Ave. Park is the perfect place for a skate park for the kids. The park is safe, has access from all directions and is more than big enough to add a permanent cement skate park. The proposed size of the skate park is less than 4% of the 4 acre area leaving plenty of room for open fields and beautiful landscape.

Please do not let a few loud voices filled with hostility sway your judgement. I urge you all to make the right decision by proceeding with the proposed skate park at Monterey Ave. Park and providing for the future of our community children.

Many Thanks
Lisa Rupp

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Shelby White [swwimski@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:39 AM
To: City Council
Subject: [?? Probable Spam] Monterey Ave Park

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Shelby White and I have been living in Capitola since I was 2. I am currently in my last semester at Cabrillo with an emphasis in early childhood education. I am writing to you as I feel it is important that our community has a safe skate park within the city limits. I think that the proposed skate park at Monterey Ave would be a perfect site for a skate park.

While growing up here we were never allowed to skate on our streets or sidewalks. We would have friends and family come to visit and would want to skate, we would load the car up to go to either the skate park in Santa Cruz and then later in Scotts Valley. Of course we would have to have a parent drive us, making it an outing to another community.

As a young adult I started baby sitting and working as a nanny for families in our community, again when looking for actives in our area we are left with the Capitola beach or Jade Street Park. The young kids I sit for would love to go to a skate park, though that would mean a drive on the freeway or to the downtown to find a skate park. Of course we all know that most times that would not be an option. If we could walk to a neighborhood skate park it would be an activity that all kids of all ages would like to be a part of.

I would like to ask the City and its council members to think of the young families who live here and also come to visit. It is important to be able to have safe places in Capitola that our young kids would like to go to, that is within walking distance to most residences.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Shelby White

Shelby White
216 Stockton Ave
Capitola CA, 95010

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: The Bowmans [dbow-man@pacbell.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Monterey Skate Park Hearing/Agenda Item

Dear Capitola City Council Members;

We want to let you know about our questions and concerns and why we are currently not in favor of building a skate park at Monterey Park. We are not against a skate park! We are against a skate park in this location. We are enthusiastic about the already approved McGregor Skate Park.

A Monterey Park location is a proposal that carries a **risk of potential detriment** to the quality of life and property values of the neighborhood while benefitting a rather narrow interest group with a large proportion of members who live outside of Capitola.

We believe the issues of quality of life and property values of the neighborhood are important to the stewardship in a great city council and these issues should carry *some* weight equal to a group folks who won't take *YES* for an answer. **These folks are proposing to uglify a large part of an all too rare, open, green space in Capitola, exchanging it for yet more concrete and chain link fencing.** Is the chain link fence to keep people out during the closed hours? Do chain link fences stop teenagers and young adults? If not, should we add razor wire? There are many concerns - traffic, noise, congestion, late night police activity, or not enough police activity. **These are valid concerns.**

We see the council has had to perform considerable research on the building of a skate park, but we are concerned regarding due diligence on **researching the risk of detriment to the neighborhood.** We know one or two tours of the area's skate parks have been accomplished, but has there been enough research on how it has affected the folks who must live around the local skate parks? How has it affected the quality of life? How has it affected property values? What is the experience of the people who have to live at the skate parks? **The McGregor Skate Park is a great idea which reaches out to our mid and south county without diminishing or sacrificing neighborhoods. Quality of life is how Capitola leads other cities, not just locally, but in the nation.**

Not all kids skate. It is not exactly the safest activity. Injuries and hospital bills are ubiquitous with skaters (as we know personally) and plenty of injuries and some deaths happen at skate parks. What do our local emergency professionals - police, fire, ambulance - have to say? As you may know a recent law suit settled for an accident at a BMX bike park in San Jose awarded over one million dollars to the young man paralyzed in the accident. It was ruled that something was done incorrectly by the city in the process of closing the BMX park. The internet is full of lawyers wanting to represent folks injured at skate parks. **A skate park does not serve all kids in the neighborhood and a Monterey Park location brings skating front and center making it even more difficult for parents who would prefer their kids not skate.** This seems like a dangerous park at a time when playgrounds have been reconditioned for safety and liability. Playgrounds are for all kids (and they are far less noisy). There is considerable risk to serve a narrow group and many of the users will not be residents of Capitola; while a Monterey Park location is discounting the needs and thoroughly valid worries and concerns of folks who live around the park. Two skateparks are a waste of resources and double the risk for Capitola. This continued battle is a waste of resources.

We have heard the proponents of a Monterey Park location are not in favor of the McGregor Skate Park because they doubt it would be safe for their younger kids to use on their own. **Does this mean they want a skate park**

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for their young kids to use while not supervised by adults? **Is this a good idea - a skate park with unattended younger kids? Or are they concerned about the safety of skate parks in general?** While on the tour of skate parks did the council members notice the drug dealers at Jose Park? How about the Salvadorian and Sureños gang tags at Derby? It is not enough to take a look for an hour or so during the day. **We need to know the experiences of the neighbors who have to live at the skate parks day and night.** We know skaters like them but **have the local skate parks *improved* life for the neighbors and *increased* property values? If so we will happily defer. But these seem like important questions. How can they be left unanswered?**

We do not want to prevent skaters from getting a skate park. You can't legally skate in Capitola. That is a problem. We understand this. **People over-react to skaters** and mistakenly think they are by nature bad people, bad kids. And because of this very attitude **people who live around skate parks are a very dangerous choice for stewardship** of a skate park and the skaters who use it. We have kids and neighbors who love to skate. We love kids! **We are not against a skate park! We are against a skate park in this location.**

We thought this was settled. The McGregor skate park was a win/win. The skaters got their park, bigger and better, and we didn't lose any of the neighborhood green space which stayed beautiful, peaceful, and accessible to all.

But this was not enough for some! **Now this issue has reared its ugly head again and become so divisive we have heard venomous, hateful things said by our neighbors against our neighbors living on the same street! It has *already* become detrimental to our neighborhood.**

Please put an end to this. Don't make us go through this anymore! We feel the risk of more detriment to the neighborhood is too high. Please build the McGregor Skate Park as planned and leave Monterey Park green and peaceful for all.

Sincerely,

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Tricia Proctor - Monterey Skate Park

From: "White, Denise" <dwhite@serenogroup.com>
To: "citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us" <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Date: 2/3/2015 10:57 AM
Subject: Monterey Skate Park
CC: "White, Rick" <rick@serenogroup.com>

Dear Capitola City Council,

I would like you to consider the importance of the proposed skate park in Capitola located at Monterey Park. While we have the beach at our doorstep, and parks within reach, our community would benefit by having a skate park close to our village. We have implored our children to not to skate in the Capitola Village due to safety, though there is really nowhere else for these kids to go skate close by. To find a skate park it is a drive to Scotts Valley or to the downtown Santa Cruz area. While having a skate park would be wonderful for our full time families with children it would also benefit the visitors who come every year to our Capitola Village area. I have many times seen families visiting on our street with their kids skating in the downtown area only to find it is against the law. We do not offer these families a place in our city to skate either, leaving them in the same situation looking outside our city limits for a safe place to bring their children to skate.

My husband and I decided that this would be the perfect place to raise our family and have been residing in our home for the last 20 years, and we look forward to watching our children one day raise their family here, though I think this town needs to recognize the needs of the young and young at heart.

Thank you for your time,

Denise and Rick White
216 Stockton Ave
Capitola CA 95010
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From: Maureen Burnham <moburnham1@gmail.com>
To: <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Date: 2/3/2015 9:04 PM
Subject: Proposed Capitola Skate Park in Monterey Park
CC: <t.proctor@nhs-inc.com>, <jmarto@pacbell.net>

To whom it may concern, (Capitola City Council)

We are residents and homeowners in Capitola. We believe that the city of Capitola would greatly benefit by having a Skate Park for the children.

Unlike Jade Street Park which is owned by the School District, which causes limits to it's use, Monterey park is the only park owned by the City of Capitola. The addition of a skate park would give children a safe and healthy recreational activity.

It is our understanding that the park will be completely Privately Funded with no cost to the City or the taxpayers, which is one more reason why we wholeheartedly support the creation of the Capitola Skate Park. We hope that the City Council will also support the Skate Park too. Thank you for your consideration on this very important project.

Sincerely,
Jeff and Maureen Burnham

From: Nels Westman <nels@bestwestman.com>
To: City Council Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Date: 2/3/2015 5:03 PM
Subject: Monterey Skate Park

Dear City Council,

I am in favor of developing a skate park on the Monterey property. As the grandfather of three young skateboarders here in Capitola, I am confident that this would be a far safer, far more accessible site for a skate park than the one currently planned for the McGregor property. Furthermore, I think approving this skate park should be part of expanding the use of this property to be an active community park site rather than a greenbelt for the quiet enjoyment of a few adjacent residences.

Thank you.

Nels Westman

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Wingnut [wingnutsworld@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:20 AM
To: City Council
Subject: The Skate Park

February 3, 2015

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Robert Weaver aka Wingnut, and i am writting in support of a skate park at Monterey Ave Community Park.

Our family has been living in Opal Cliffs for over 25 yrs. We attend every event Capitola has to offer from the Begonia Festival , Surfing Santa to Wednesday Night concerts on the beach. We not only shop local but eat local as often as we can. Our son is a senior at Soquel High.

My son surfs and skates....and has been hoping for a park like the one proposed for Moneterrey Park....

We really hope this goes forward...overdue for a community with such strong Surf/Skate roots...

thank you for taking the time to read this...

aloha...

Wingnut

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Charles Proctor. I am a resident of Capitola and I am in favor of a skate park at Monterey Ave Community Park.

I am a father of two teen age boys who skateboard. I have also devoted a small portion of my drive way where I have created small wooden ramps. These ramps are used by many of the kids in my neighborhood. I do this with a huge amount of pride and satisfaction because I know how much they appreciate it. And it gives them an area play together.

I have seen the proposed drawings and plans for the park. I have travelled to many skateparks in California. This design is very good! It offers the perfect features for beginners and intermediates. It also has a flow and architecture that has been created by someone who knows what they are doing. A small skatepark like this would be extremely fun for the kids in my neighborhood.

This addition to our Monterrey Ave Community park would be a great way to kick off more additions to our park in the future. With the addition of the restrooms and this proposed skatepark I imagine a very positive area for friends and families to be together. A community park for all!

Sincerely,

Charles Proctor

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From: Chris H<chris_hadland@hotmail.com>
To: citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us<citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Date: 2/3/2015 4:28 PM
CC: Tricia Proctor<t.proctor@nhs-inc.com>, Marie Martorella<jmarto@pacbell.net>

Dear City Council member-

As a resident of Capitola for 15 years and resident in Santa Cruz county for most of my life, I have grown up loving skateboarding in our beach community. As a young kid growing up on the West Side of Santa Cruz, I frequented Derby Park often. It was always a positive experience and I have very fond memories of those times and when visiting my parents now, take my seven and eleven year old boys to Derby park. Many weekends we either end up there or Scotts Valley because we don't have a place closer that is family friendly.

I ask you to consider the youth in our community and make way for a skate park within the community.
Thank you

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Tricia Proctor - Capitola Skate Park @ Monterey Ave Park

From: Lisa Rupp <lisarupp79@hotmail.com>
To: "citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us" <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Date: 2/3/2015 12:47 PM
Subject: Capitola Skate Park @ Monterey Ave Park

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing you in regards to the support of a skate park at the Monterey Ave. Park.

I've lived in Santa Cruz county for over 15 years and moved to Capitola +/- 4 years. I've grown to love the strong sense of community that our little village has and respect the ways that it gives back to the residents. It is a joy to see all of the activities that the city provides for the children. My Godson lives around the corner and attends Soquel Elementary. He is an avid sports enthusiast from soccer to baseball, basketball and skating. Many of my friends and neighbors have children that are also extremely active. Not a day goes by that there are not kids skating in front of my house. As you know, the traffic in Capitola continues to grow with the summer months and holidays being exceptionally crowded making playing in the yard and streets more and more unsafe. It is so important to have a safe place for the kids to play and skate. Monterey Ave. Park is the perfect place for a skate park for the kids. The park is safe, has access from all directions and is more than big enough to add a permanent cement skate park. The proposed size of the skate park is less than 4% of the 4 acre area leaving plenty of room for open fields and beautiful landscape.

Please do not let a few loud voices filled with hostility sway your judgement. I urge you all to make the right decision by proceeding with the proposed skate park at Monterey Ave. Park and providing for the future of our community children.

Many Thanks
Lisa Rupp

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From: Graessle Family <graessles@gmail.com>
To: <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Date: 2/3/2015 10:56 AM
Subject: Skatepark

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My name is Brett Graessle, a resident of Capitola and I'm also part of the group that is in support of a skate park at Monterey Ave Community Park. As a former Board Member of the SUESD School Board, co-founder of the Santa Cruz Adventure Guides, Former Board Member of the Junior Lifesaving Parents Club and helped raise \$ for the "Save our Stairs" in Capitola, I strongly support the Children's Skate Park in Capitola at Monterey Park.

As a parent of 5 children (ages 15-4), our children have always enjoyed skateboarding as a past time. In addition, to the many structured sports our children do (competitive baseball, swimming, water polo, soccer etc..) Skateboarding is allows them to participate in a free, unstructured way of being a child. This seems to be increasingly difficult to come by these days. Additionally, this would be a safe place for children to go after school.

There are many examples of towns similar to ours that create accessible skate parks that become a hub of the community. <http://www.concretedisciples.com/index.php/skatepark/usa/idaho/20077-quy-coles-skatepark-sun-valley-ketchum-idaho-usa> if we hide them out of the way, that's when things become a problem. Let's put them front and center so that all children and families can enjoy the park.

I am asking you to please seriously consider Monterey Ave Park as a safe place for a permanent in ground cement Skate Park. We are only asking to use less than 4% (3.52%) of the four acre park and there are endless opportunities to move the dirt around to make landscaping features to surround the skate park attractive, Every town up and down the coast are installing skate parks as a viable alternative for children, please consider looking at your neighboring towns as an example.

Thank you for your consideration,

Regards,

Brett Graessle

January 2015

Hi Neighbors,

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As you may have heard, a couple of people are once again pushing for a skatepark in Monterey Avenue Park—in the same controversial location proposed over 2 1/2 years ago - in spite of the fact that the City of Capitola has since begun construction of a skate park as part of the beautiful multi-use park on McGregor Drive.

We are reaching out to you and asking that you join us in telling the Capitola City Council that another skatepark in Monterey Park is unnecessary and inappropriate. One skatepark in Capitola is just right.

We strongly believe that a skatepark does not belong in a residential neighborhood, especially a neighborhood that is already heavily impacted by existing facilities.

Here are some of the concerns our neighbors have raised:

- Noise (skateparks are very noisy!)
- Increased traffic
- Loss of green space in Monterey Park (and turning it into something paved)
- Lower property values
- Graffiti and vandalism / cost of additional maintenance
- Parking congestion on Monterey Ave, Orchid Ave & Junipero Court 7 days a week.
- Creation of an “attractive nuisance” for New Brighton Middle school as older skaters would be coming and going to the park during school hours.

The people who are pushing for a skatepark in Monterey Park live in Capitola, but they do not live in the vicinity of Monterey Park. Our feeling is that skateparks are best placed in nonresidential areas. This is the model that most municipalities use.

In the past two and a half years, Capitola City Council has done extensive research on skateparks. As a result, the Council has secured funding for, and is in the process of constructing, a safe family-friendly multi-use park at McGregor that includes a skatepark, dog park, play area, pump bike track, lights, bathrooms, plenty of parking and a new lighted crosswalk on Park Avenue. McGregor Park is scheduled to open in February or March.

Does Capitola really need two skate parks within 3 blocks? Please join us in saying NO.

The General Plan for the City of Capitola states that the City **“Has a duty to preserve the character of residential neighborhoods.”** A skatepark in Monterey Park would not do that.

What can we do? Many of us have met with city council members and were told if we wanted to stop this proposal we have to rally our opposition again and write letters again. More importantly, we need to be **VISIBLE** at the city council meeting when is on the agenda. You don't need speak at the meeting, just show up. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 so we need to get our letters in to the City Council before that date and plan on showing up at city council chambers.

Also we have included pre-addressed stamped envelopes for your letters to the city council. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you!

Lisa and Dan Steingrube, 701 Monterey Ave
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February 2, 2015

Capitola City Council Members

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I was quite amazed to hear that once again consideration is being given to a skate park at Monterey Park especially given that there are already plans for a skate park at the Macgregor site. I am not able to understand the impetus for this beyond that there is money to support the desires of some vocal residents of Capitola. I again struggle to see the value of placement of the proposed project in this unique residential area.

To try to understand this better and avoid reacting in a "not in my backyard manner" I looked at some of the research. All of it was done by pro skateboarding organizations. While they did address some misperceptions about skate parks in general they raised other concerns for me that I had not considered and reinforced some of the concerns I already had for a skate park in this particular location.

The conclusion that I have arrived at is that a skate park at Monterey Park brings a host of concerns for those living near it as well as for the city which then needs to oversee and finance for years to come with these specific concerns for the Monterey Park site.

- Setting and enforcing rules to avoid impact on residents living nearby.
Hours, ages intended for, type of use (bikes, skateboards, etc), potential noise, trash cleanup and avoidance of creating an "attractive nuisance" are all considerations. It is repeatedly mentioned in the pro skate park reports that mitigation of these factors is possible but involves effective and ongoing policing and enforcement. I do not have confidence that this has been addressed or can be carried out on a consistent and ongoing basis for years to come.
- Oversight for maintenance and general upkeep with ongoing and consistent funding (cost?)
The maintenance seems to be needed daily and is more extensive than I would have thought and also involves concerns re: graffiti and bathrooms.
- Altering of the landscape with unknown effect or study.
Drainage is already a problem in Monterey Park and affects the residents living "downhill". The drainage culvert already requires regular maintenance and cannot handle large amounts of water.
- Parking
- And perhaps I am alone in this but no matter how well done, the visual will now include a 6,000' slab of cement and 6' high fences not only on the skate park but on the baseball field (for safety?) which will be a permanent change. It would make me sad to see this change in this little gem of Capitola green space.

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I have concerns that the public hearing will not provide a place for reasoned discussion and so am sharing my concerns in writing and have cited the two reports I looked at.

In closing it seems shortsighted to consider a skate park in Monterey Park at this time in the context of the uniqueness of this neighborhood setting, poorly addressed future concerns and any integration with the existing plan for a skate park at the Macgregor site.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my concerns.

Peg McCollough
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<http://www.humankinetics.com/excerpts/excerpts/communities-must-ask-right-questions-when-planning-skatepark>

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Oppose Monterey Park skate park

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Don Betterley <donbetterley@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 1, 2015 at 9:59 PM

To: citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us

Capitola City Council Members,

Attached should be a 2 page letter in strong opposition to yet another proposal for skate park at Monterey Park.

In addition, there are some carefully thought out & studied examples . . .

this study from 2005, City of Portland, OR, Portland Parks & Recreation, and reference to skate park developers as well as Portland's Skatepark Master Planning Process. One can find some of this at 'Urban Grind' www.pdx.edu/sites/www.pdx.edu.usp/files/usp_skate.pdf

Perhaps you and others have already seen, as it mentions Dreamland Skateparks in OR.

A very thorough study, included existing parks and staff in OR and WA. Among their primary findings:

- Skate parks do contribute to nuisance such as litter, noise, vandalism/graffiti. Also mentioned was loud music, conflicts with BMX bikes, etc. despite posted bans otherwise.
- Another primary finding: neighborhood context matters in planning.

Many would take issue with the noise issue however. Skate parks and skate boarders create a lot of noise, and not just that of an occasional rowdy basketball court game also compared in many park & rec. studies. Cities can't require skate boarders all to have noise dampening high end polymer wheels & promise not to grind/flip/crash everything in sight.

In the study above, park staff at 12 sites in OR & WA, mentioned that a key aspect was need for involving local police / sheriff for policing & enforcement at their skate park facilities, and ongoing maintenance costs.

Other reports have cited critical rain drainage problems by adding thousands of square feet of concrete.

Valuable open green space cannot be lost in this small community please !!

Thank you.

I will deliver paper copies to City offices as well.

- Don Betterley long time Capitola resident

Tricia Proctor - Support Letter for Monterey Park

From: The Martorella's <jmarto@pacbell.net>
To: City Council <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Date: 2/2/2015 4:51 PM
Subject: Support Letter for Monterey Park

Dear Mayor and City Council:

My name is Marie Martorella. I live in Capitola and I am part of the team providing the resubmission of plans for a skate park at Monterey Park. I thoroughly support this proposal but for reasons perhaps I have not yet stated.

The City of Capitola is where I and my family call home. My husband's family have lived in this neighborhood for over 70 years. As a resident, I enjoy everything this City has to offer. We are an active, outdoor family who regularly skate, surf, bike ride, play baseball and enjoy the beach on a daily basis. My own two children were both on a skate board before the age of three and surfing by age four. I shop locally, dine locally, and visit the local pub, coffee shop, and bakery on a regular basis. Our family enjoys begonia festival and enter the family friendly event year after year. I support the local schools and volunteer as much of my time as possible to the parent club to help establish program enrichment to the children in our schools and community.

The City of Capitol has one main park – Monterey Park. The City owns and maintains this park for the *benefit of all those living in the Capitola Community*. This park has been underutilized for many years because we have been allowed the use of Jade Street for many uses; Jade Street, however, has a sunset clause and will be coming to an end in the near future. I understand there are residents in the immediate Monterey Park area that have had the benefit of the park being under-utilized for some time, but that simply cannot continue. The park is for the community of Capitola; not privately for the folks who surround the Park simply by their choice of location when purchasing their homes.

Monterey Park is an active park and as such, will soon have amenities provided (such as rest rooms, (we all hope) in the near future) that will only enhance this park. Monterey Park can truly become the community park it should have always been allowed to be. The children in this community deserve to have a place that is safe for them to recreate. Safety comes in many forms but as a parent, the benefits I see as they relate to safety are a) Safe to get to and from; b) Safe once there due to visibility, close proximity to homes, neighbors, and the school which has a caretaker as well; c) Safe place to be kids and do their sport.

Monterey Park meets those ‘safety’ items in my mind. First and foremost it is a **Park** that is in the middle of town and surrounded by homes, a school, a church, and is on a well-traveled (granted with a slower speed limit due to the school) street that has sidewalks and a bike lane. Children of all ages can get to this park (Many can walk/ride a bike/skate right from their own homes and the surrounding area) or can access right after school. This park is in an area that is visible to so many that the children are able to enjoy being kids, without the fear of being out of sight or where no one can see them should they need assistance. The park is large enough to include the skate park feature but to also allow for baseball/softball, soccer/ basketball and other forms of sports that children enjoy doing. In fact, the Park is currently at four acres; the skate park feature will be asking for a total of 3.52% of space. *Three and a half percent* – I believe the children in this community are worthy of using that little amount of space for a sport that is widely used by a huge amount of the children in this community. The fact that private funding has been secured also provides a zero dollar cost to the City – a park feature that is donated to the children of the community- to me that speaks volumes as to the value placed on the children.

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We offer so much in terms of amenities to the folks who come and visit Capitola. We promote the summer concert series, the festivals and various other events during the year; we promote the village and its shopping/dining/B&B/vacation rental availability. We have the beach and junior guard program and we have a more traditional 'team' sport promotion such as Little League and Soccer but what do we offer all of the children for the rest of the time when summer isn't in full swing; and to those who may not want to play baseball or soccer? Skate boarding is not allowed in the village under any circumstance (even those getting to and from work or school); skate boarding is obviously not allowed in parking lots, on sidewalks, or in spaces such as church/school/restaurant parking facilities. Yet, skate boarding children make up a huge amount of the community here in Capitola yet there is no-where for them to do so without risking a ticket. It seems as though we support sports that we deem 'acceptable'. This is horribly unfair.

I believe by providing a safe and appropriately designed skate park for the kids in this community we are showing these children that we Value them as citizens of the community in which they reside. We Value and Support their sport; we Want them to be safe and we want them to be successful and seen as our top priority. Surely three and a half percent of a four acre park can be set aside for these kids to have a place to call their own – in the town in which they reside; where they live, go to school, spend time with friends and family, shop, dine and otherwise support the rest of the City; I think it's time the City show some support to the next generation growing up in this town that we call home.

I sincerely hope that as a Council you will support the children of this community by supporting this project. A Park deserves to serve and be utilized by the members of the community - and let us not forget the children are Members of the community as well as our future.

Warm Regards,

Marie Martorella

>>> Amanda Jackson Miller <AJacksonMiller@suesd.org> 2/2/2015 9:34 AM >>>

Hi Marie & Tricia,

I also have no opinion on the skate park on Monterey. Thanks for being in touch.

Amanda

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Dear Members of Capitola City Council,

First we would like to thank you for building what will be a beautiful multi-use park at McGregor and matching Marc Monte's donation of \$50,000.00. It will be great asset for skaters, bikers, and dog walkers! Many camping families that frequent New Brighton State beach all year long, I'm sure, will also use it. In addition it will have no negative impact on the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

We strongly oppose a second skate park 3 1/2 blocks from McGregor at Monterey Park. We share many of the concerns that our neighbors have voiced. Unlike many other sports, skateboarding is a noisy activity, which in a non-residential neighborhood poses no adverse repercussions. But, in a neighborhood, it can greatly impact and disrupt the serenity of people who live in the nearby vicinity and decrease the quality of people's lives.

A skate park on Monterey Ave. will most assuredly increase traffic and congestion in an already very busy street. We currently have the congestion of the school children coming and leaving every day, sports practices and games at Monterey Park and a church on either end of the street.

Taking the last green space owned by Capitola and turning it into a paved and fenced site would be very heartbreaking, not to mention the likelihood of digging below roots of very old and tall eucalyptus trees and increasing the possibility of them falling in rainy times. The branches of the trees are also hazardous right above a skate park where children are just below.

I believe the surrounding neighborhood would lose much of the available street parking in near their homes if a skate park goes in at Monterey Ave. It would be a Destination Park for many tourists and locals who come to Capitola during the week and on the weekends. We already share the street with New Brighton teachers, District Office employees and people who use Monterey Park.

I also believe and have been told by many professionals, that a skate park in close proximity to residential neighborhoods is likely to significantly lower property values—maybe not right now when there are few homes for sale in Capitola, but that will not always be the situation in the housing market.

A skate park also creates an opportunity for graffiti and vandalism by kids hanging out while skating and long after the park is officially locked. It would create an increase in maintenance and law enforcement costs—with another skate park so close; it doubles those costs and consumes a lot of the city's valuable time and resources.

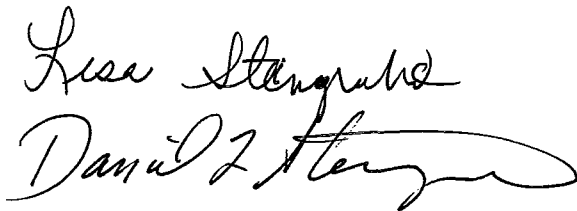
It would also create an "attractive nuisance" for New Brighton Middle school as older skaters and those teens who are in Alternative Ed programs and don't attend daily classes could be coming and going to the park during school hours. Having been a high school teacher for 35 years and a frequent substitute teacher currently, I can't imagine trying to teach a lesson with the noise and visual distraction of a skate park.

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Thank you for reading our letter and considering our concerns.

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 1:27 PM
To: City Council
Subject: SkateBoard Park- New Brighton School

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Skate Board Park that is being proposed in the park behind New Brighton School. I am a resident in Capitola and live across the street to New Brighton School on Monterey Ave and very much AGAINST it.

Concerns:

Increase Traffic

Liability- Safety

Loitering

Theft Increase

Who is Patrolling this

Taxes

Bathrooms- homeless and people already attending events at the park go into the bushes, hygiene.

McGregor Park- already approve SkateBoard Park? why another one less than a mile away.

Landscape

**The Residents who are proposing for the Skate Board Park have been very INCONSISTENT on details of this new skateboard park, which is a big red flag in my book. I will be attending the City Council Meeting on this next week on Feb 11th, but also wanted to express my concerns in writing.

Thank you for listening
Janet McKenzie
725 Monterey Ave

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From: Melinda [melinda.vento@outlook.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 10:53 AM
To: City Council
Cc: t.proctor@nhs-inc.com; Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net)
Subject: Skate park in Monterey Park - we support

Dear Council Member,

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Subject: Oppose Monterey Park skate park
Attachments: Monterey Park Green Space.docx

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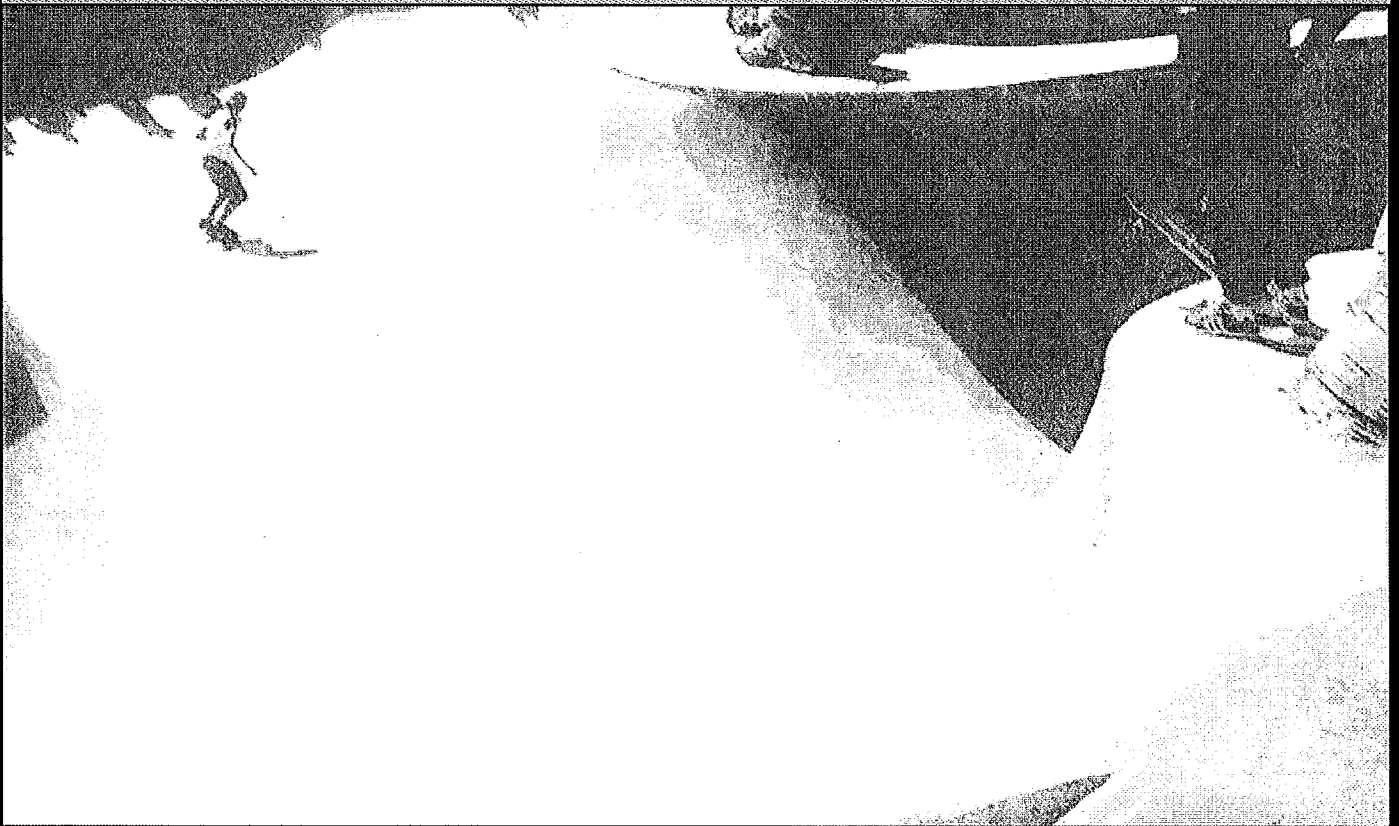
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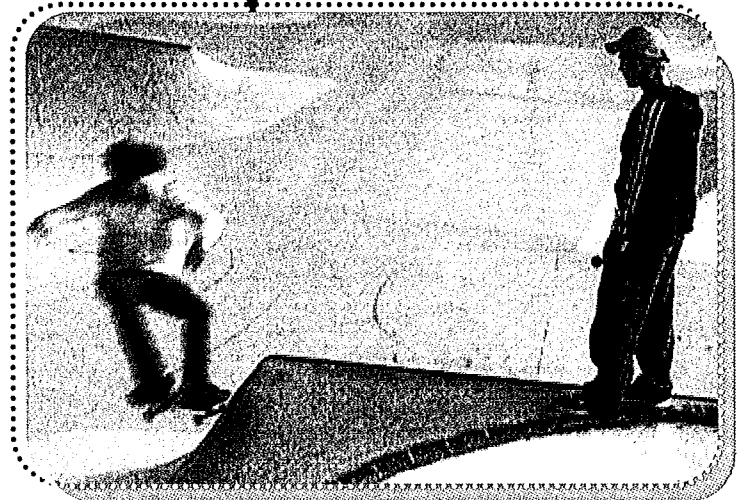
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Aperio Consulting worked in conjunction with Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) on their Skatepark Master Planning process in the spring of 2005. This project was undertaken to help PP&R and their siting committee make informed decisions when siting a system of skateparks for the City of Portland. This document is also designed for use by parks planners and community members in other cities who are considering building skateparks.

Neighbors of proposed skateparks often voice their opposition to local siting efforts based on perceived impacts on their quality of life. Our goal was to uncover the realities of living near a skatepark.

Aperio Consulting selected four parks to study, two of which contained skateparks. Skateparks were paired with "control" parks on the basis of location, distance to homes, activity levels, and amenities. With this method, we hoped to uncover whether skateparks impact neighbors differently than other park features such as basketball courts.

We conducted questionnaires of neighbors within five blocks around each park and took noise level readings within each park. We also interviewed park staff from 12 parks in Oregon and Washington and reviewed existing literature on youth and public spaces, skatepark design, and land use conflicts.

The following are our primary findings:

- ◆ Skateparks do not contribute to serious crime
- ◆ Skateparks do contribute to nuisances such as litter, noise and vandalism
- ◆ Skateparks have similar impacts as basketball courts
- ◆ Neighbors of existing skateparks have predominantly moderate views of skateparks
- ◆ Neighborhood context matters

Together these findings suggest that there are differences between the perception and realities of skateparks.

This document demonstrates a method communities can use to uncover the impacts of skateparks in their neighborhoods. This project contributes to park planning by informing planners and community residents of the likely impact of skateparks on their neighborhood. We also provide suggestions for successful implementation and management of skateparks.



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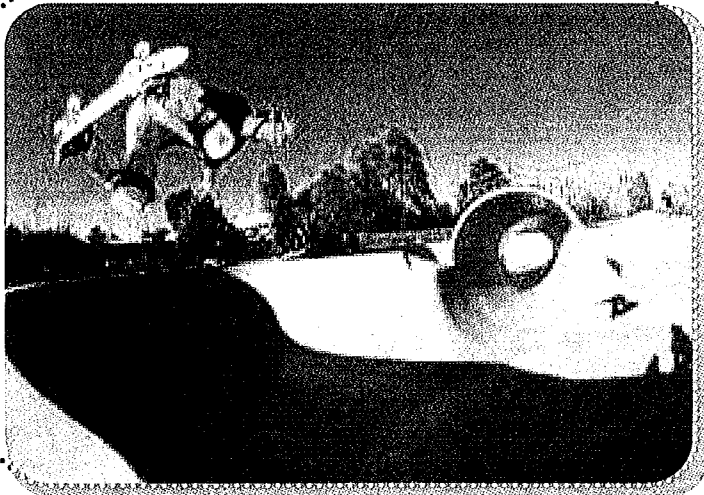
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Cities and towns across the country are beginning to recognize the increasing popularity of skateboarding. At the same time, skaters are becoming savvy about advocating for public places to call their own. Together, these two trends support the development of publicly funded skateparks.

Skatepark advocates and park planners frequently face resistance from neighbors and business interests in the communities where skateparks are proposed. Much of this opposition is grounded in misconceptions of skaters.

Our intention in taking on this project was to uncover the impacts of skateparks on their neighbors. In doing so, we hope to inform the public about the likely impacts of skateparks on communities based on the actual experiences of neighbors, not on speculation or fears of the unfamiliar.

This distinction between the perceptions of neighbors and the realities of existing skateparks lies at the heart of our interest in the topic, and at the center of planning conflicts such as those that surround skatepark siting.





Skateboarding and Public Spaces

Skateboarding is the fastest growing sport in the United States. It appeals to children, teens, and adults and provides recreation, entertainment, and exercise. The number of skateboarders across the country is up 128% over the past ten years. There are currently 11 million skateboarders in the U.S., which equates to almost 4% of the U.S. population¹.

Despite the fact that skateboarding has become so popular, there is a lack of allocated parks space for the sport. There is far less parks space dedicated to skateboarding than other sports such as baseball. For example, in Portland, there are approximately five million square feet dedicated to sports fields and only 8,500 square feet dedicated to existing skate parks. In the past, as baseball became more popular, parks departments responded by building more baseball fields. Parks and recreation departments across the country are currently struggling to provide the same opportunity for skaters.

Because of a lack of publicly provided skateparks, skaters continue to use public and private parking lots, business plazas, streets, and sidewalks for their sport—none of which are intended or designed for skateboarding. Skateboarding on public streets is still illegal in most places in America. Many cities have responded by enlisting law enforcement to regulate skateboarding. The criminalization of this sport means that tickets and the possibility of arrest are common for skaters.

Skaters often occupy transitional spaces that are neither exclusively public nor private, generating hostility on the part of property and business owners. "Skaters have encountered a politics of space similar to the experiences of the homeless. Like the homeless, skaters occupy urban space without engaging in economic activity...."² Responses to these tensions include adding spikes or bumps to handrails or ledges or placing chains across ditches and steps to render them unusable for skating.

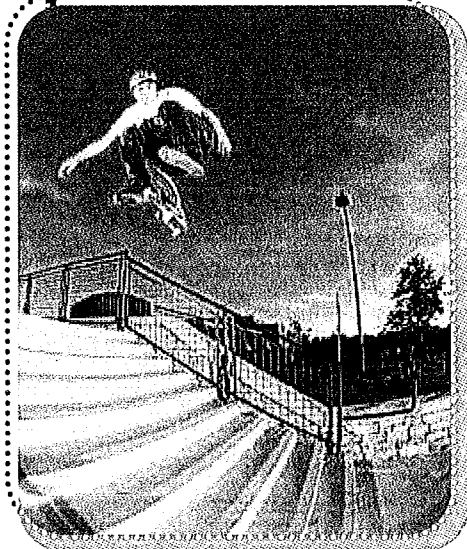
Past Approaches to Skatepark Siting

In the past, to remove skaters from public spaces, cities and towns relegated skateparks to isolated areas. While this offered a place for skaters and teens to gather and recreate separate from office workers or shoppers who may be hostile towards them, it created a ghettoized youth space. This facility-based approach supports the sport without supporting the needs of the users as people.³ This replicates the same problems skaters face on the street—stigmatization and prejudice.

Youth and adults need safe, legal, and accessible places for recreation. City parks help meet this need and contribute to public health by providing sites for outdoor physical activity. Tailoring parks to the needs and demands of residents helps ensure that they will be used in healthy, safe ways, and maximizes the public investment. Parks and recreation planners have a responsibility to consider all potential users of public parks,

*If you don't have
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—Rod Wojtanik





“ Why do businesses think a group of kids automatically means trouble?... Skaters equal losers. How can people think this? I know everyone of my friends that skate get good grades, listen to their parents and everything else a parent would want from a child. Even professional skaters promote school and discourage the use of drugs. As a result of these stereotypes many rules have come about that prohibit skateboarding.

Ryan Cochrane, 15, has been advocating for a skatepark in his hometown of Denver, Pennsylvania since it is now illegal to skate there.

Comments Regarding Proposed Skateparks

“The place proposed would be another place for unwanted late night partying. I have no idea how you would prevent that, and I'm not willing to take chances with our safety.”

“Our area already attracts a seedy element in the after hours...We don't need to attract more teenagers to this area.”

“The skatepark will bring in the wrong element to our park and is a bad idea.”

—PP&R Public Outreach Process

including youth who struggle to find places to hang out when not taking part in an organized sport. Public spaces are needed that recognize and validate skaters' needs while accommodating other users of shared public space.

Perceptions of Skaters

The needs of skaters have not been met in many cities because they have commonly been perceived as antisocial, destructive “thugs on drugs.” While some of this backlash against skaters can be tied to the wear and tear that the activity exerts on the urban environment, much of it is based on stereotypes of skaters.

It seems appropriate, however, to question whether to ostracize an entire group of public space users who are participating in a sport that is:

- 1) one of the fastest growing sports in North America
- 2) safer on an accident-per-participant basis than soccer and baseball and
- 3) promoting physical fitness, self esteem, and a sense of belonging for an age group sorely lacking in these type of opportunities.

Skateboarding is, in fact, a multifaceted activity that must be understood within its various contexts—as a sport, as a hobby, as transportation, or as lifestyle.

Balancing Neighbor Concerns and Skater Needs

Currently many cities are now locating skateparks in neighborhood parks alongside other commonly accepted facilities, rather than isolating them. However, this has shifted the conflict about skateboarding from commercial districts to residential areas. As a result, many cities are struggling with the tension between meeting the demand for more skateparks while accommodating concerns of neighbors.

This project examines the impacts of skateparks on neighborhoods. Towards this end, we conducted neighborhood questionnaires, noise analyses, and park staff interviews. We also reviewed planning literature on issues relevant to skatepark siting. This document is the result of that process.

NIMBY-ism and Siting Decisions

Public opposition to unwanted facilities is conventionally ascribed to the NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) syndrome. This label is often simplistic. An alternative to discounting NIMBY responses is to view them in terms of principles of community development—social inclusion and participation.

Social inclusion is one of the key principles of community development. All members of a community should be valued—even if they hold opposing views. Likewise, people should be allowed to alter their views or opinions without “losing face.”

While neighbors do often oppose land use proposals based on fear and speculation, they also have legitimate concerns and the right to express them. Planners' roles should be broader than simply educating neighbors about the unwanted land use to elicit their support. It is critical to strike a balance between the public good and private rights when making land use decisions, even when advocating for underserved groups like skaters. Thinking in terms of NIMBY-ism can unfairly minimize the legitimate concerns of community members.



What We Did

To determine the impacts skateparks have on neighborhoods, Aperio Consulting chose to study two skateparks, Pier Park in North Portland and Tanner Creek Park in West Linn. These parks were selected because they are concrete skateparks in the Portland region and are close to homes.

In addition to studying the neighborhood impacts of our selected skateparks, we also wanted to determine whether or not skateparks impact neighbors differently than common sport facilities, such as basketball courts. To this end, we chose to pair our skateparks with two “control” parks. By comparing skateparks to other similar parks, we hoped to determine if skateparks affected neighbors in some unique way.

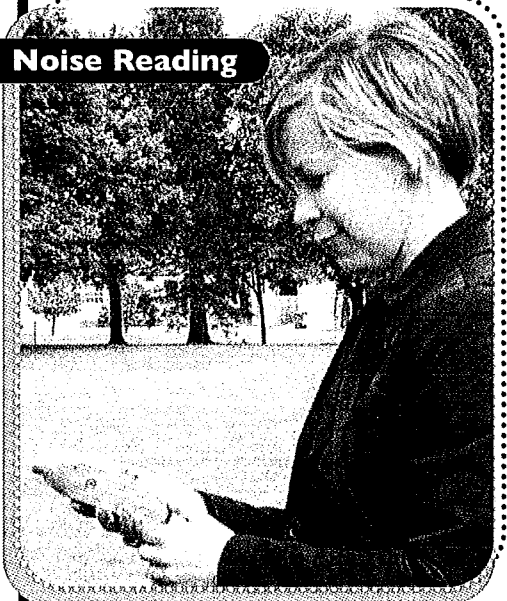
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Through neighborhood questionnaires, noise readings, and park staff interviews, we developed profiles of our two skateparks and our two control parks and then compared the results. We enhanced our analysis by conducting a literature review and by interviewing skatepark staff in the region about the problems and successes of skateparks within their districts.

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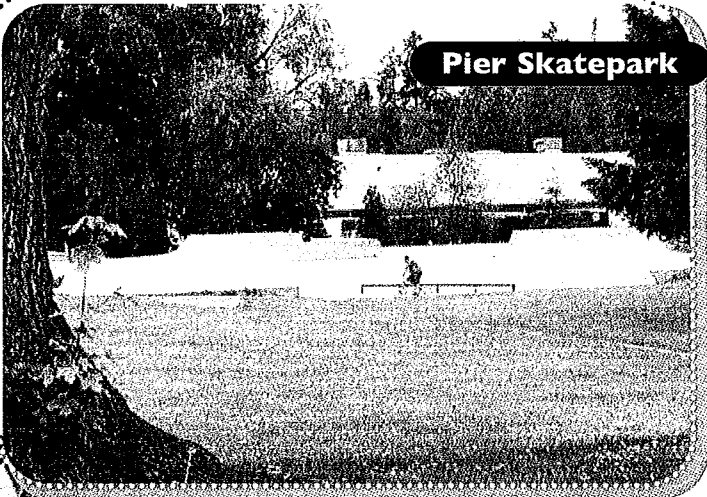
Skatepark: Pier Park

Pier Park is located in North Portland, a part of the city that has traditionally been characterized by moderate incomes and ethnic diversity, and is now undergoing some reinvestment. The park has many facilities including a swimming pool that operates in summer, a frisbee golf course, basketball courts, playground, baseball diamond, and skatepark. Pier Park is 86 acres and draws many users from outside the neighborhood. While the park is large and heavily used, the skatepark itself is located at one end of the park somewhat separated from the larger, densely wooded portion that includes the frisbee golf course and pool. This arm of the park functions much like a smaller neighborhood park. The skatepark is 8,500 square feet and is used mostly by beginner to intermediate skaters as well as BMX bikers. There is a truck warehouse behind the skatepark and on the opposite side are single-family homes within approximately 250 feet. It has a parking lot with 30 parking spaces. The market value of homes in the area range from \$150,000 and \$250,000.⁴

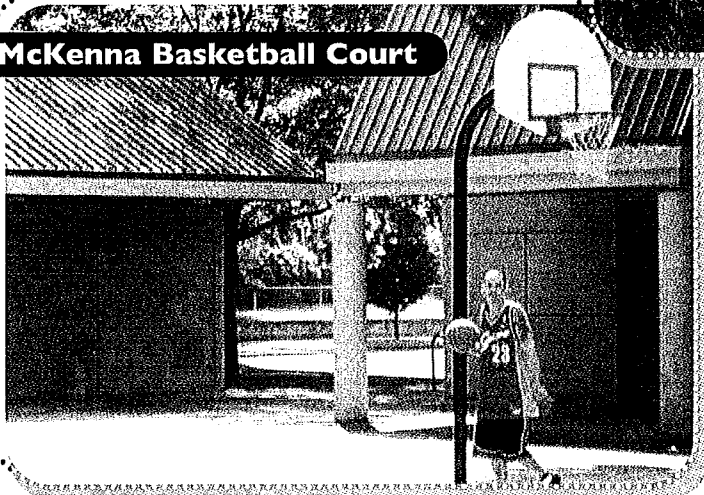
The skatepark has given kids of all ages more to do ... I've seen young men really enjoying themselves, socializing positively and sharing with younger kids.

—Pier Park Neighbor

Pier Skatepark



McKenna Basketball Court



Control Park: McKenna

McKenna Park is located in North Portland and is approximately 4 miles from Pier Park. It is a neighborhood park surrounded by single-family homes on all sides. The park contains a playground, baseball diamond, and a basketball court. Though at 4.5 acres it is much smaller than Pier Park, neighbors report that the park and basketball court in particular, draw people from outside the neighborhood. The park does not have a parking lot. Home values in the area fall within the same range as Pier Park.



Skatepark: Tanner Creek

Tanner Creek Park is located in a relatively new neighborhood in West Linn, a suburb of Portland. It is surrounded by single-family homes; the closest is 75 feet from the skatepark. The park is 7.5 acres and has two distinct areas connected by a trail running through the neighborhood. The upper portion contains a large playground area and sports fields that are heavily used. The lower portion contains the skatepark. The skatepark itself is 14,000 square feet—a large and well-designed facility that draws skaters from throughout the region. The facility is designed for all skill levels, but is still primarily used by intermediate to advanced skaters. BMX bikes are allowed to use the park daily before noon. The skatepark side of the park has a parking lot with 13 parking spaces. Home values in the area range from about \$350,000 to \$700,000⁵.

Tanner Creek Skatepark



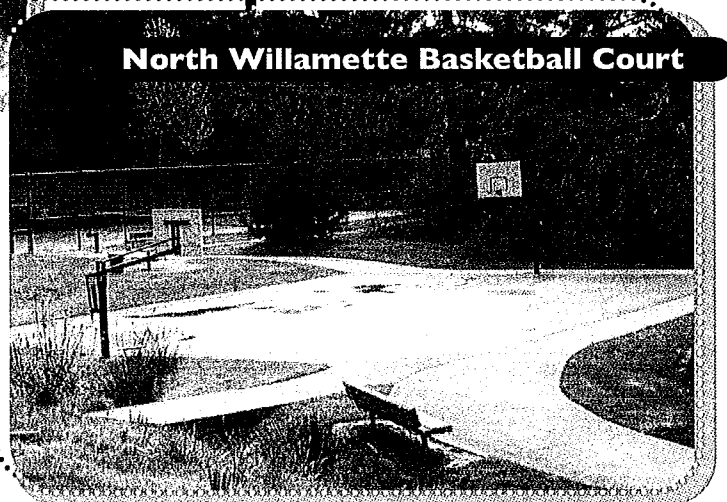
“Although I do not enjoy or appreciate the litter that is generated by the kids who frequent the skatepark, I think it is a great place for the kids to hang out.”

—Tanner Creek Park Neighbor.

Control Park: North Willamette

North Willamette Park is also located in a quiet suburban neighborhood in West Linn approximately 4 miles away from Tanner Creek Park. The 7-acre park is less visible and accessible than Tanner Creek Park and is primarily used by local neighbors. It contains two tennis courts, a basketball court, and a playground. It has a parking lot with approximately 10 parking spaces. The surrounding neighborhood homes are older, but home values fall into a range similar to Tanner Creek.

North Willamette Basketball Court





Neighborhood Questionnaires

To gauge neighbors' perceptions of their parks, we distributed questionnaires door-to-door in a five-block area around each of the four study parks. We knocked on each household's door and if they answered, we spoke to them in person. If they were not home, we left a questionnaire on a visible place on their home (e.g., screen door, exterior of mailbox). Neighbors could answer the questionnaire in writing and were provided a business-reply envelope so they did not have to pay for postage. They were also given the option to answer the questionnaire online. About ten days after the initial questionnaire drop-off, we once again canvassed neighborhoods and distributed a half-sheet flier as a reminder to complete the questionnaire. As an added incentive, we raffled off a \$25 gift certificate to respondents from each of the four neighborhoods. We distributed a total of 750 questionnaires and the overall response rate was 21% and 96% of respondents lived within three blocks of the park. Only 11 households reported that anyone in their household skateboarded.

PARK	DISTRIBUTED	RECIEVED	RESPONSE RATE
Tanner Creek	125	36	29%
N. Willamette	75	17	23%
Pier Park	325	54	17%
McKenna	225	54	24%
TOTAL	750	161	21%

The questionnaire consisted of 17 closed-ended questions and three open-ended questions. In order to be able to draw comparisons *within* parks (i.e., between the park in general and the skatepark) and *between* parks (i.e., between those with skateparks and those with basketball courts), we asked a series of questions about the park, and then repeated these questions for the skatepark and or basketball court.

Perception
Based on comments at public meetings, neighbors must have strong opinions of skateparks.

Reality
Neighbors have largely moderate opinions of skateparks.

Perception
Skateparks bring in the "wrong element."

Reality
The tough appearance of some skaters is not an indicator that they are engaging in illegal activity. Busy parks are in fact safer parks.



Noise Readings

In order to determine if skateparks are louder than other park facilities, we took two noise readings at each of our four profile parks. We chose to conduct noise readings on two days to determine a range of noise levels. The first readings were taken on a dry, partly cloudy weekday when only a few people were present at each park. The second readings were taken on a dry weekend day when the weather was nicer—a day when user numbers are at their highest. Readings were taken 50 feet from the active facility and from the nearest residence.

COMMON DECIBEL LEVELS*

Home

50 Refrigerator

55-70 Dishwasher

75-85 Flush Toilet

80 Ringing Telephone

Work

50 Large Office

65-95 Power Lawn Mower

95 Electric Drill

110 Leaf Blower

Outdoors

85 Heavy Traffic

95-110 Motorcycle

110 Car Horn

117 Football Game (stadium)

*All levels within close range

Source: League for the Hard of Hearing

At both skateparks, peak noise levels averaged 70 decibels when 50 feet from the skatepark. Beyond 200 feet, sounds were drowned out by other noises. Based on these readings, we found that skatepark sound levels are no louder than other park uses or other noises such as traffic passing by and airplanes overhead. Sound levels were similar to basketball courts and to children playing on playground equipment. Noise levels were within the City of Portland's code limits.

Perception

Skateparks are excessively noisy.

Reality

Skateparks generate noise levels comparable to other park facilities.

Noise Readings





Park Staff Interviews

In addition to determining neighbors' perceptions of skateparks we also sought the perspectives of professionals who deal with skateparks. We conducted 17 phone interviews with maintenance workers, parks planners and one beat cop from 12 parks in Washington and Oregon. The interviews were structured with 6 closed and 11 open-ended questions.

Skateparks were chosen because their facilities most closely match the sites and constraints that were considered in PP&R's siting process. All the skateparks are within 75 to 500 feet from housing, are made of concrete, and were designed by reputable design-build firms. (See sidebar on page 10 for information on design considerations for skateparks). The skateparks ranged in size from 2,500 to 10,000 square feet, and averaged 7,730 square feet.

We interviewed staff from the following cities: Yakima, Milton, and Burien, Washington; and Eugene, Aumsville, Newport, West Linn, Portland, Brookings, Molalla, Gresham, and Donald, Oregon. (see Appendix for interview format and details).

Park Staff Comments

Foreground should be visible because skaters want to show off. —Gresham

Skateparks should be big enough for the community. —Gresham

When we get tagged I'll close the area for safety concerns, the serious skaters will help get the facility back open. —Milton

Perception of vandalism increased ... I don't think it has increased, but now there is someone to lay the blame on. —Eugene

Problems come to city parks in general ... Any public space where people can get out of sight will attract problems. —Portland

The skatepark makes the park better. The more people there are the fewer people engage in illicit activities. —Portland

Graffiti has gotten better with regular maintenance and the police and staff have been monitoring the grounds more frequently helping reduce questionable activities. —Burien

If the park is designed with both BMX bikers and skaters in mind they can co-exist. The biggest safety concern is having the beginning skaters in the park at the same time as BMX bikers. Beginner skaters have less control over their skateboards and that unpredictability may cause collisions. —Burien

Donald, OR

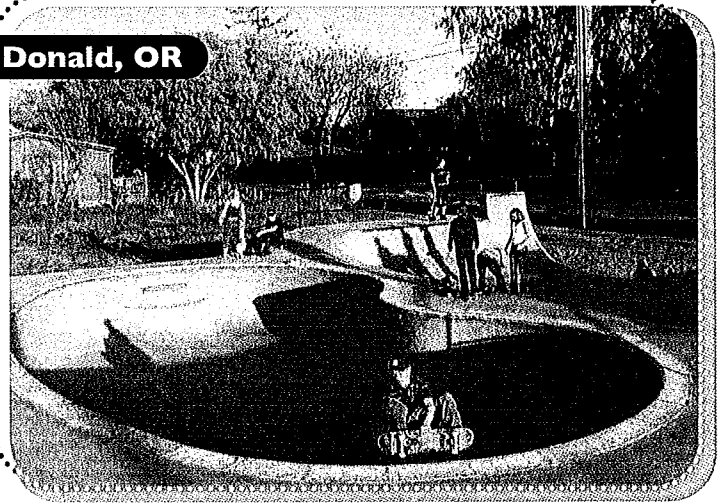


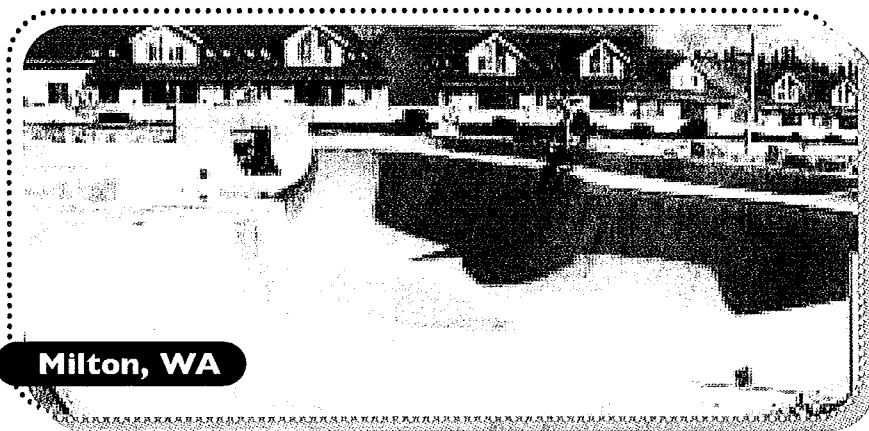
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Advice from Park Staff

Unanimously, the park staff reported that their skateparks were good investments. When asked what advice they would give other cities siting skateparks, they reported that it is important to involve skaters, neighbors and other stakeholders early in the siting process. Additionally, many staff mentioned that a key aspect of long-term skatepark acceptance is getting the police involved and prepared for increased patrolling as soon as the skatepark opens. Although few cities actually did this, staff reported that it would have prevented problems from developing and would have eased the transition of accommodating a new and heavily used facility. Staff also suggested that skateparks, like all youth-oriented facilities, should be sited in visible locations for safety and easy monitoring.

Staff reported that prohibiting BMX bikers from skateparks did not prevent them from using the skatepark. Planning for BMX use in advance may help to prevent potential conflicts between skaters and bikers before they develop. In our interviews, staff from six parks reported they eventually changed their rules to allow BMX bikers. In three other parks, they explicitly banned BMX use, but reported that bikers came anyway.



Milton, WA

photo courtesy of Dan Hughes

Skatepark Design Considerations

Designing and building a skatepark is not as straightforward as designing and building other types of recreational facilities such as basketball courts or baseball diamonds. Imagine a public baseball field with its bases arranged in a circle instead of the regulation diamond or a golf course with tees in the sand traps. Absurd as these examples sound, these examples are fairly analogous to what often occurs in the construction of public skateparks. Public agencies that would only build fields and courts with the help of professional design firms often don't think twice about awarding contracts to build skateparks to contractors with little or no experience (Fritzsche 2001).

Skateparks require many design considerations. The overall flow of the skatepark is extremely important. Ideally, skateparks should appeal to different styles of skating such as street skating (rails and stairs) as well as transitional (bowls and ramps) skating. Design should also include different areas for different skill levels. This helps to create a multi-generational park environment, which creates a family-friendly environment and provides positive role models for young skaters.

Lack of attention to such details will result in a park that cannot be effectively skated or isn't challenging — and therefore won't attract many skaters. Improper design can also contribute to increased risk of injuries. For example, if a bowl is too small or skill-levels are not separated, the risk of collision is increased.

Consulting and including local skaters in designing facilities is important. Skatepark designer Ken Wormhoudt starts the design process by meeting with local skaters to discuss what type of facility is going to work best for the community. During these meetings, the skaters are given clay to construct shapes that represent the obstacles they want. Wormhoudt believes that this approach works to ensure that these parks are both safe and fun. If the park can't hold the interest of the skater, it won't keep them there for very long.

What We Found

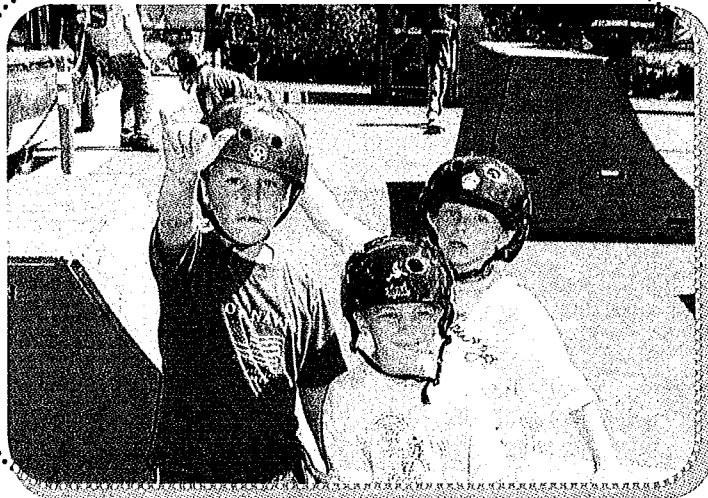
1) Skateparks do not contribute to serious crime. During Portland Parks and Receptions' (PP&R) public meetings, some neighbors of candidate sites expressed concern that the skateparks would bring crime to the park, such as drugs, fights, and even gang activity. We found in our questionnaires and interviews that neighbors and staff had not witnessed serious crimes at skateparks. At Pier Park in North Portland, neighbors reported that the skatepark actually served to improve the parks problems by bringing in more users and more "eyes on the park."

This area already has a large and growing low-income population, and the level of property crime is going up. I believe this park should be used for soccer, basketball, baseball and softball fields. These would attract a large number of young people and families interested in group activities. It would help the crime level in the area stay low more so than a skatepark would. The skatepark would attract young, teenage, mostly single men.

—Comment from PP&R process

The largest impact is noise. The second is fear of crime based on the appearance of some of the skaters. This is a perception, not a reality. There is no higher crime at the skatepark than anywhere else in the city, park or not.

—West Linn





2) *Skateparks do contribute to nuisances.* While neighbors and park staff did not report serious crime at skateparks, they did report that their skatepark contributed to nuisances such as litter, noise, and vandalism. Pier Park was the exception, with fewer nuisances reported at the skatepark in comparison to the rest of the park. Many staff reported that the skatepark had higher levels of these nuisances than did other facilities in the park. Eight out of 12 staff reported litter is worse; 6 out of 12 reported that tagging is worse; and 4 out of 12 reported that noise is worse at the skatepark and at the rest of the park. However, they noted that this was due in part to the fact that the skateparks were by far their most used facilities. Again, these skateparks averaged 7,730 square feet. A skatepark this size can accommodate approximately 20 users at one time.

As seen in Figures 1 and 2, neighbors of Pier Park reported vandalism or tagging (37%) and litter (28%) as the most frequent nuisances they have witnessed at the skatepark. Neighbors around the Tanner Creek skatepark reported litter (56%) as the biggest nuisance there, followed by excessive noise (39%), and vandalism or tagging (19%).

It is important to note that Tanner Creek's skatepark is only 75 feet from the closest residence, whereas the closest neighbor at Pier Park is 250 feet away.

Skaters and park staff reported that skaters themselves are not likely tagging their own parks, because this interferes with the quality of the skating surface by making concrete too slick.¹

Staff reported that noise was usually related to music and yelling rather than skateboard noises. Our noise readings backed this up, as we found that skateboarding is no louder than other activities occurring in parks.

Questionnaire and interview results regarding vandalism and litter contradicted what we had heard from some older skaters and advocates that skaters sometimes initiate cleanup and maintenance of their skatepark. Most staff reported that this level of skater involvement was inconsistent. When it did occur, they mentioned that older skaters were more likely to clean up the skateparks than younger skaters.

Q: Have you noticed any of the following in Pier Park?

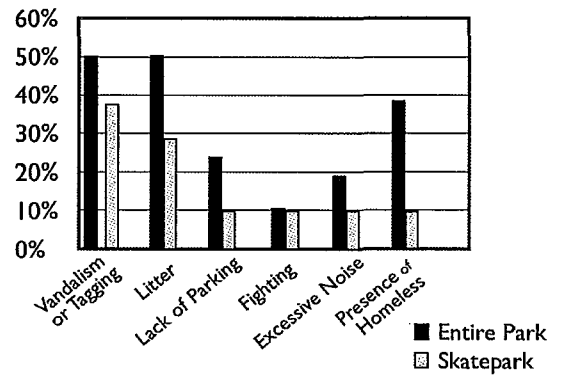


Figure 1

Q: Have you noticed any of the following in Tanner Creek Park?

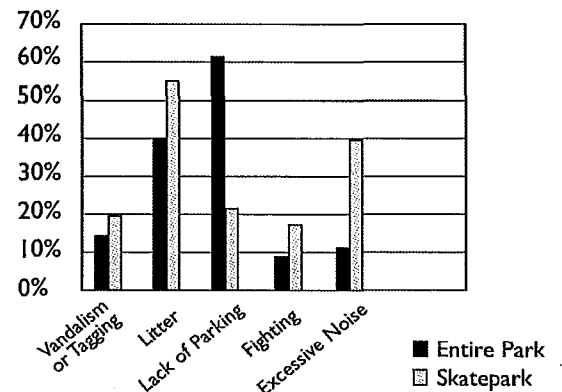
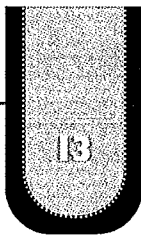


Figure 2



3) Skateparks have similar impacts as basketball courts. While skateparks seem to contribute to nuisances, the majority of neighbors of Pier skatepark and McKenna basketball court thought the impact of the facility on the neighborhood was positive, as shown in Figure 3. The similarity in responses is noteworthy, especially in light of the fact that basketball courts are more commonly accepted facilities.ⁱⁱ

Q: In general, what do you think the impact of the facility is on your neighborhood?

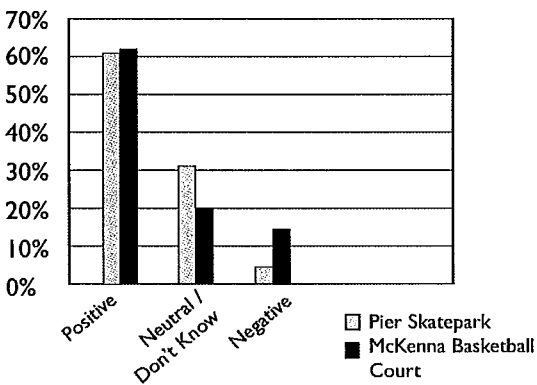


Figure 3

Q: What is the General Impact of the Skatepark on your neighborhood?

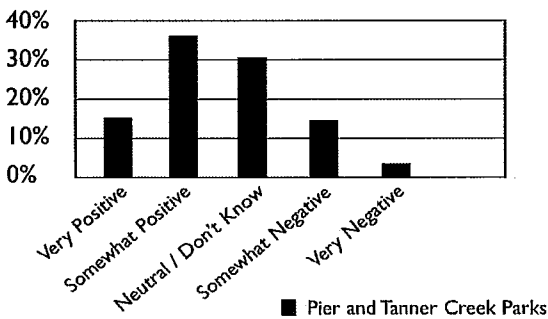
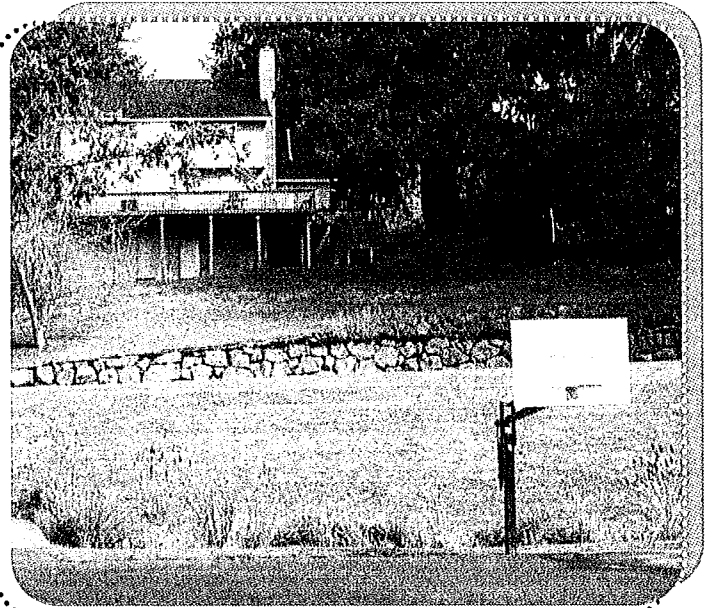


Figure 4





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4) Neighbors have predominantly moderate views regarding skatepark impacts. Our neighborhood questionnaires revealed that neighbors had fairly moderate opinions about the skatepark and its impacts. Figure 4 shows the majority of neighbors around both parks were somewhat positive (35%) or neutral (31%) about the skatepark.

Figures 5 and 6 illustrate that of those neighbors who lived in the neighborhood before the skateparks were built, 43% at Tanner Creek and 61% at Pier Park, reported that there was no difference between what they expected at the time it was constructed and what they now experience.

Homeowners often raise concerns about whether an unwanted facility will lower their property values.ⁱⁱⁱ If skateparks lower property values then one would expect neighbors to express negative opinions about their skatepark. This study investigated neighbors' perceptions of this issue. Figure 7 shows that most neighbors either were not sure if the skatepark impacted their property values or thought there was no impact. Those few who thought it increased or decreased property values were evenly split. This suggests that neighbors do not have strong opinions about the impacts of skateparks on their property values.

Likewise, when asked "What is the best and worst thing about having the park in your neighborhood?" very few questionnaire respondents in either neighborhood mentioned their skatepark. When given the opportunity, the skatepark and its impacts are not foremost in neighbors' minds.

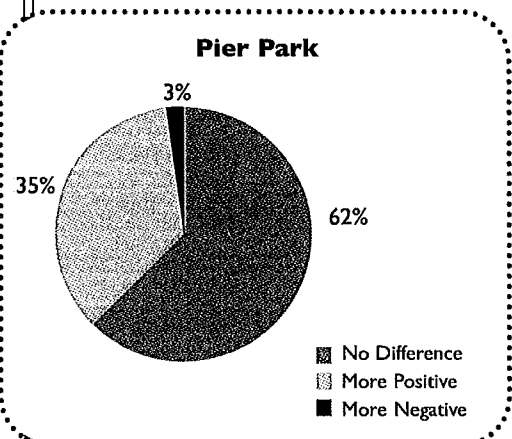


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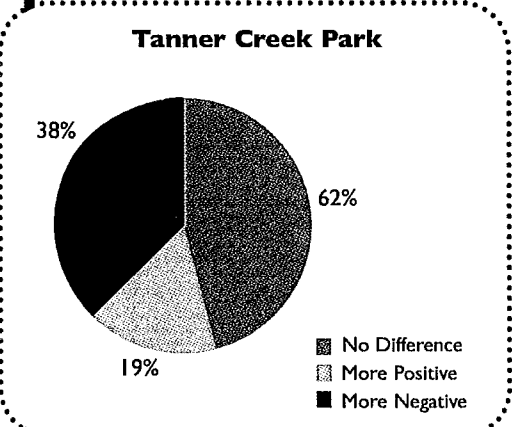


Figure 6

Perception
Skateparks will decrease the value of my home.

Reality
Home value is a complex combination of factors including local market supply and demand and other market conditions.

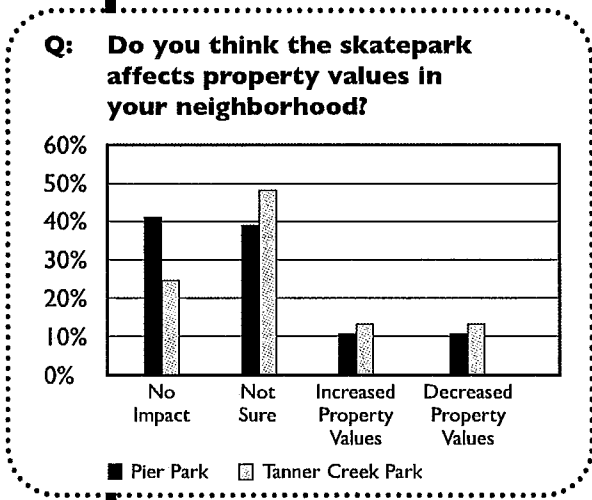
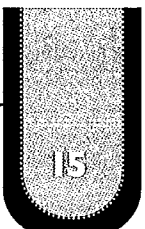


Figure 7



5) *Neighborhood context matters.* At Pier Park, neighbors consistently reported fewer problems at the skatepark than in the rest of the park. West Linn neighbors reported more problems with the skatepark itself than with the rest of the park. Likewise, neighbors around Pier Park felt more positively about their skatepark than did the residents near Tanner Creek Park. As seen in figure 8, Pier Park neighbors reported that the skatepark made their park's problems better, while in West Linn neighbors reported the opposite—that the skate park made the park's problems worse. The results suggest that neighborhood expectations and tolerances can vary from place to place.

Q: Do you think having the skatepark makes the park's problems better or worse?

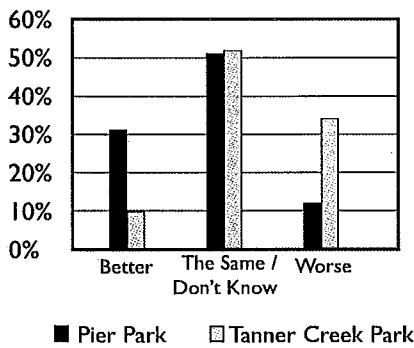


Figure 8

It seems that this is due not only to the differences in the parks themselves, but also to differences between the neighborhoods. Nuisances such as noise and litter are more commonplace in urban settings. Therefore, urban residents may tolerate them better than their suburban counterparts. Suburban residents are attracted to the suburbs in part to get away from urban annoyances, and may have lower tolerance levels for such nuisances.

Pier Park is an urban park and has a history of crime and other problems. Pier is also located in a long-established neighborhood with moderate-income residents. As a result, neighbors did not think the nuisances the skatepark generated were a major problem. They reported, in fact, that they thought the skatepark made the park better by bringing more “eyes on the park” and discouraging illegal activities.

In contrast, Tanner Creek is a new neighborhood in an affluent suburb. When asked to compare their expectations of the skatepark with their current perception of it, neighbors at Tanner Creek had a more negative perception than Pier Park neighbors (as seen in figures 5 and 6). Since the Tanner Creek neighborhood had very few problems to begin with, the nuisances that the skatepark generated were considered the most significant in the neighborhood.

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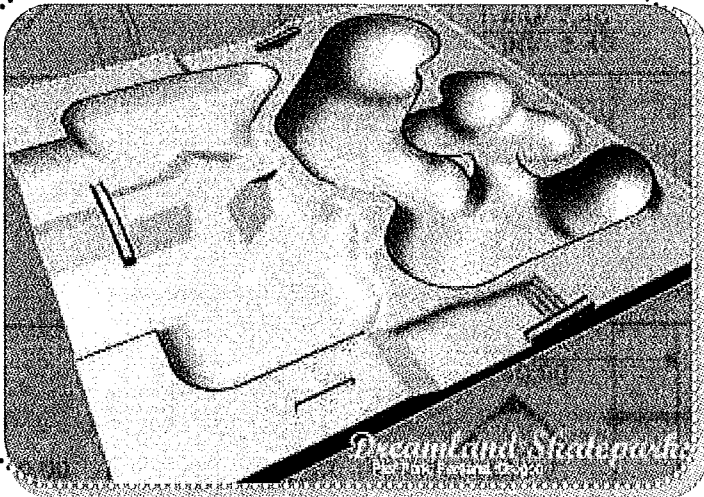


Moving Forward—Design and Management Considerations:

Proper design and management are critical to the success of your skatepark and can help foster community acceptance.

Successful skateparks attract a steady number of users. Poor quality design and/or construction will lead to neglect by skaters. Under-used skateparks, like other public spaces, are more likely to attract problems. Hence, quality skatepark design and proper construction are critical. It is important to have a reputable design-build firm create your skatepark. Likewise, skateparks should include different skill levels and include street-style and transitional elements. This will help to attract a broader range of users—making the facility more family friendly. Having a range of users can also provide an opportunity for older users to model good behavior to younger skaters.

Anticipating maintenance needs is just as important as planning for proper design. To build and maintain successful relationships with neighbors, planners and skatepark advocates should develop strategies to deal with common nuisances like litter and vandalism before problems arise. Planning ways to address nuisances is a powerful way to validate and address neighbors' concerns and build acceptance for local skateparks.



Good Neighbor Agreements: the Local Approach

Good neighbor agreements have been used in cities to establish expectations and communication methods about controversial sites. In Portland, The Office of Neighborhood Involvement helps monitor and negotiate Good Neighbor Agreements that may serve to facilitate communication between stakeholder groups and develop strategies for dealing with problems, should they arise. Our study found that the majority of complaints from neighbors living near skateparks centered on litter, vandalism and noise. These are all issues that can be mitigated through the establishment of Good Neighbor Agreements. (For more information visit www.portlandonline.com/oni)

Foot Patrols are a community policing strategy used by neighborhoods. In Portland, the Office of Neighborhood involvement also trains neighborhood association in forming neighborhood Foot Patrols. Foot Patrols are groups of volunteer neighbors who actively monitor the area of concern. (Please visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=78612> for more information on foot patrols.)

Afterword: Perceptions and Realities

This document demonstrates that there are distinctions between the perceptions about skateparks and the day-to-day realities. Skateboarding as a sport is on the rise. Like other athletes and community members, skaters deserve their fair share of park facilities in which to practice and recreate. Neighbors of parks should also have their concerns acknowledged and addressed by planners and park staff.

Skateparks, like many other land uses, will continue to be controversial. The more we can educate the public about the impacts of skateparks, the better able they will be to make well-informed decisions. Based on our research, we believe that with proper skatepark siting, design, and management, skateparks can be successful and have positive effects on neighborhoods. We believe this is particularly true in urban settings since skateparks bring more people to the park which can discourage crime that is often present in an urban environment.

Successful public spaces add to the vitality of cities and towns, and minimize existing problems. Skateparks are no exception.

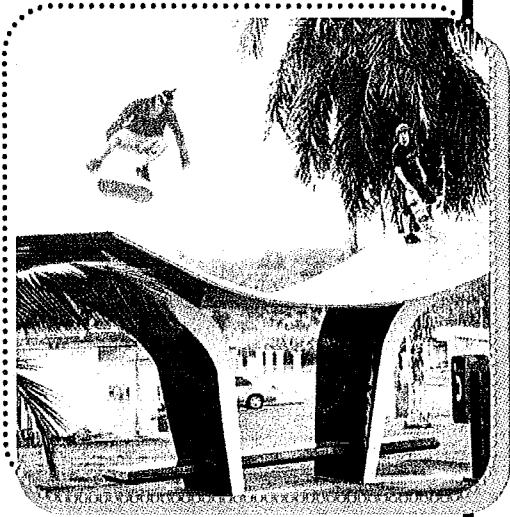


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- ² Borden (1998)
- ³ Travlou (2003)
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- ⁵ Ibid

ⁱ (A lack of parking was also reported as a problem by 22% of Tanner Creek respondents. However, this is likely attributable to the other side of the park near the playground since this area does not have dedicated parking, whereas the skatepark does.

ⁱⁱ Tanner Creek Skatepark and North Willamette's basketball court were not compared. The two facilities had very different levels of use, limiting their use as comparisons. During field observations, we realized that North Willamette Park was too different in terms of use, accessibility, topography and access to make meaningful comparisons between the skatepark and the control park.

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APPENDICES

The guide to learning more about your neighborhood parks

For parks planners or neighborhoods advocates who want to conduct a similar study using their local parks, we have included some of our materials and a few thoughts about our process. Anyone doing this kind of fact-finding project in their own community can benefit from some of the lessons we learned in embarking on this process. We share them here.

Things to watch out for:

Limitations

Our project is not, and could not be, an exhaustive study. For future work on this topic, we recommend increasing the number of parks and pairing skateparks with control parks on the basis of amount and frequency of active uses, and less on the demographics of the surrounding neighborhood. Comparing regional attractor parks to skateparks is likely more effective than analyzing two parks with close parallels in neighborhood socioeconomic characteristics. Skateparks are very popular and well used parks. That is the main driver of comparison.

Timing

If you are working with a community group responsible for skatepark siting, it would be most effective to convey findings that may influence perceptions as early as possible before the siting committee inadvertently allows misperceptions and emotion to inappropriately influence the process.

Questionnaire Design

If you distribute a door-to-door questionnaire, use a business reply envelope. In our experience, few people used the online questionnaire. Also, if you live in a wet and rainy climate do not use Astro-Brite® or deeply dyed paper for your questionnaire, unless you want to inadvertently dye your clothing and the neighbors' doors!

Have fun!

Learning about what the neighbors think and listening to their concerns is a great way to be an ambassador for the project and to keep alive the spirit of a participatory community. Approach all feedback you receive (in person or otherwise) with an open mind and a sense of humor.

Noise Readings

If you want to assess noise levels in your community parks we recommend that you first consult your city's noise control or noise enforcement officer. Taking noise readings requires knowledge of how to use the equipment and what to pay attention to. For this project we used a standard Radio Shack decibel meter.

Wet or windy weather can interfere with accurate readings, so plan accordingly. The noise meter's microphone picks up wind gusts. Dry conditions are necessary for accurate "baseline" readings since ambient noise from car tires is much higher when roads are wet than when dry.

We suggest taking several readings to get a broad understanding of the noise levels. We took readings two different days at each park. At each park readings were taken at 50 feet from the active facility (the skatepark or basketball court) and then at the nearest residence. The first day that readings were taken had few of users present. The second readings were taken on a weekend when there were more park users present. This method allowed us to determine a range of noise levels on both slow days and busy days.

When in the field take detailed notes about the following:

- ◆ Weather and wind conditions
- ◆ Traffic—frequency, distance from park, noise levels
- ◆ Other neighborhood noises (lawn mowers, construction sounds, airplanes, etc)
- ◆ Average decibel levels
- ◆ Peak decibel levels and what causes peaks
- ◆ Distance that readings are taken at from active facility (use a tape measure for accuracy).

Neighborhood Questionnaire

Here are a few recommendations for conducting your own neighborhood surveys:

- ◆ Distribute questionnaire to neighbors living around parks with a skatepark and parks with a basketball court in order to determine the similarities and/or differences neighbors experience with each facility.
- ◆ Distribute the questionnaire door-to-door. This provides an opportunity to talk to people about their experiences with the parks and provides a “face” with the project, increasing your likelihood of receiving a response.
- ◆ After distributing the questionnaire wait about ten days and then go back out to the neighborhood and drop off a reminder card.
- ◆ Provide an incentive for people to fill out the questionnaire. We raffled off a chance to win a \$25 Target gift card. We believe this increased our response rate.
- ◆ When asking about crimes or nuisances, you may want to ask about the frequency or timing of occurrences.
- ◆ Only distribute questionnaires within three blocks of the park. Ninety-six of our respondents lived within three blocks of the park.
- ◆ Provide a postage paid envelope to increase response rate. Make it easy for them to respond!

Would you like a chance to win a \$25.00 TARGET gift certificate?

Dear Tanner Creek Park Neighbors,

Portland State University graduate students are gathering information in your area about how Tanner Creek Park affects you and your neighbors. The results of this questionnaire will assist us in understanding park uses and their potential impacts. This information will also be made available to public agencies.

We appreciate your response to the attached questionnaire. **Please complete the questionnaire by April 4th, 2005.** This questionnaire will only take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

You can either complete the questionnaire on paper and mail back to us with the postage paid envelope included or you can **complete the questionnaire** online at the following address:

<http://questionnaire.oit.questionnaire.edu/wsb.dll/heinicke.TannerCreek.htm>

By completing this questionnaire you will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$25 gift certificates to Target. Please use the coupon or form below to be entered, or fill out the information at our website (listed above).

If you would like information about our research project please email Beth Ragel at bethragel@earthlink.net or contact our faculty advisor at Portland State University, Deborah Howe, at 503-725-4016.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING OUR QUESTIONNAIRE!

To be entered to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to Target, please fill out the following information and send it in with your completed questionnaire by **April 4th**. You can also enter online at

<http://questionnaire.oit.questionnaire.edu/wsb.dll/heinicke.TannerCreek.htm>

HERE.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

We will hold our drawing on April 8th. If you are a winner, you will be contacted at the phone number or email address you provide. Thank You.

TANNER CREEK PARK QUESTIONNAIRE

Part I

1) How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

Less than one year One to five years Five to ten years More than ten years

2) How far do you live from Tanner Creek Park?

One block or less Two or three blocks Four or five blocks More than five blocks

3) Can you see Tanner Creek Park from your house? Yes No

4) Can you hear noise from Tanner Creek Park from your house?
 Yes, when indoors Yes, when outdoors only No

5) In general, what do you think the impact of Tanner Creek Park is on your neighborhood?
 Very positive Somewhat Positive Neutral/ Don't Know Somewhat Negative Very Negative

6) When the weather permits, how often do members of your household use Tanner Creek Park for the following activities? Please specify "other" activities.

ACTIVITY	TIMES PER MONTH
Baseball / Softball	
Basketball	
BMX Biking	
Picnics	
Skateboarding	
Soccer	
Tennis	
Walking / Jogging	
Walking the dog	
Use of Play Areas	
Other _____	
Other _____	

Part II

7) Have you noticed any of the following in Tanner Creek Park? Please check all that apply.

- Litter Fighting
- Vandalism, graffiti, or "tagging" Excessive noise
- Lack of parking Presence of homeless or transients
- Other (please specify) _____

8) Have you ever seen illegal activities or crime taking place in Tanner Creek Park?

- Yes No Not sure

9) Have you ever called the police because of illegal activities or crime taking place in Tanner Creek Park?

- Yes No If so, please explain:

10) Do you think these problems (question 7-9) are better or worse than other parks in the area?

- Much Better Somewhat Better The Same/ Don't Know Somewhat Worse Much Worse



Part III

11) Did you live in the neighborhood before the skatepark was constructed? Yes No

If no, please skip to question 13.

12) If yes, what did you think at that time the impact of the skatepark on the neighborhood would be?

Very positive Somewhat Positive Neutral/ Don't Know Somewhat Negative Very Negative

13) In general, what do you now think the impact of the skatepark is on the neighborhood?

Very positive Somewhat Positive Neutral/ Don't Know Somewhat Negative Very Negative

14) Do you think the skatepark affects property values in your neighborhood?

Yes No Not sure

15) If so, do you think the skatepark has:

Increased property values Decreased property values Not sure

16) Have you noticed any of the following in or around the skatepark? Please check all that apply.

- Litter Fighting
- Vandalism, graffiti, or "tagging" Excessive noise
- Lack of parking Presence of homeless or transients
- Other (please specify) _____

17) Do you think having the skatepark in Tanner Creek Park makes the problems in the park better or worse?

Much Better Somewhat Better The Same/ Don't Know Somewhat Worse Much Worse

Part IV

18) What is the best thing about having Tanner Creek Park in your neighborhood?

19) What is the worst thing about having Tanner Creek Park in your neighborhood?

20) Do you have any other comments about Tanner Creek Park in general or about the skatepark that you would like to share?

Thank You for completing our questionnaire!

Park Staff Interviews*

To learn more about the experiences of skateparks in your region or around the country, consider the following points about interviewing skatepark staff:

Select parks that are similar to the park your community is planning:

- ◆ Size (square footage)
- ◆ Proximity to housing
- ◆ Design
 - ◆ Skill level
 - ◆ Street Style/ Transitional
- ◆ Construction
 - ◆ Material
 - ◆ Design-Build Firm
- ◆ Site
 - ◆ Sports Park
 - ◆ Neighborhood Park
 - ◆ School
- ◆ Adjacent land uses and noise levels

Identify the city staff who are most knowledgeable about their skatepark. It is particularly helpful to find staff members who experienced the planning and opening of the skatepark. These people include city managers, parks and recreation directors, or planners.

Talk to beat cops and maintenance workers. They have a different perspective than other city staff, and can tell you what the “on the ground” reality of the skatepark is.

Be sure to ask about the issues that are most important to your neighbors, skaters, and other community members (for example, crime or BMX use).

Ask staff to compare their skatepark to other parks or other active facilities.

Be sure to ask what’s changed over time, and what lessons they’ve learned that your community can benefit from.

* See page 33 for Park Staff Interviewed by Location.

6. Compared to the rest of the park, how does the skatepark facility rate in terms of (1=Much worse, 2= worse, 3= same, 4= better 5=much better)

Noise	1	2	3	4	5
Tagging/ graffiti	1	2	3	4	5
Vandalism	1	2	3	4	5
Fights	1	2	3	4	5
Litter	1	2	3	4	5
Parking problems	1	2	3	4	5
Reported crime	1	2	3	4	5
Popularity/Use	1	2	3	4	5

7. What do you think the impact of the skatepark has been in the neighborhood?

8. What is your sense of neighborhood perception of this facility?

9. Have you had complaints from the public about this facility?

Yes No unsure

If so, what were they?

How did you or your organization address them?

Has the nature of any complaints changed over time? If so, how?

10. Has the skatepark attracted problems (as defined in Question 6)

More fewer same don't know? Please explain

11. Do the other activities (if your park is park of a larger park) attract problems (as defined in Question 6)?

More fewer same don't know? Please explain

12. What kind of restrictions do you place on skateboarders, if any? (i.e., signage indicating required helmets, limiting inappropriate language)

How do you enforce restrictions?

13. We have heard that skaters themselves take pride and ownership in the skate facility and even sometimes maintain skateparks. Is this true for your park? If so, how and to what extent do the skaters contribute?

14. What advice would you give a city considering a skatepark facility? (i.e. design, location)

15. In your opinion, was your facility a good investment?

16. Do you consider the skatepark a success or failure? Please explain.

17. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

A Brief History of Portland Skatepark Advocacy

The following history has been culled from many sources. A historical document created by Portland Parks and Recreation was a critical source for the much of the following information.

For almost 30 years, skateboarders have advocated for development of public skateparks in the City of Portland. "As early as 1977, the City has received letters of interest from individuals requesting a skateboard facility" (Skatepark Task Force Mission Statement, 1990). Following is a brief history of skatepark advocacy in the City of Portland.

1985 - Couch Park Skateboard Committee

In 1985 the Couch Park Skateboard Committee, formed through the Metropolitan Learning Center, prepared a package of materials including site plans for a proposed skatepark in Couch Park in NW Portland. The City denied the request to support the project. A letter from Commissioner Mike Lindberg to the Committee (April 29, 1985) stated "it seems to me that it would not be in the best interests of the neighborhood or of the skaters to proceed with the Couch Park facility." The basis for rejection was opposition from the surrounding neighbors. Commissioner Lindberg did encourage the Committee to work with the Parks and School District staff in the construction of a temporary park located away from residents. Lindberg states "It does appear that these facilities can, at least for some period of time, serve their intended purpose of getting the kids off the streets, out of the way of cars, and into an appropriate facility."

1986 - Proposed skatepark in Northwest Portland

Skateboarders were denied a facility again in 1986 although this time the City was advocating for a facility. The city was considering leasing a parcel of land in Northwest Portland at NW18th and 19th bordered by NW Savier and NW Thurman for a skatepark. Although there was some support for the facility from the Northwest District Association (the neighborhood association), others opposed it: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Norm Thompson Management. One area resident wanted to know why this particular site had been chosen. According to Ethan Seltzer, assistant to City Commissioner Mike Lindberg, there was not a city-wide site selection process due to a lack of resources and broad support ("Opposition spells demise of skateboard project," *The Neighbor*, November 1986).

1987 - Skateboard Task Force Committee

In 1987 the Metropolitan Youth Commission of Portland assembled a Skateboard Task Force Committee. The impetus for its formation was a letter from Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center to Mayor Bud Clark stating "we are increasingly concerned regarding the impact associated with the opening of Rebel Skateboard outlet and the resulting congre-

gation of young skateboard enthusiast in northwest Portland." The letter notes an increased number of pedestrian/skater conflicts and intensified skater activity in a newly created park meant to provide a "quiet oasis" for hospital employees and neighborhood residents. GSH&MC "urges the City of Portland to ban skateboarding on public rights-of-way... on streets and sidewalks." (September 25, 1986).

The Skateboard Task Force recommended that the City develop solutions to skateboarding concerns. The final report included the following recommendations stated in a Memo to Mayor Bud Clark from the Metropolitan Youth Commission, May 7 1987:

Transportation concerns

- ◆ A skateboarding Code of Conduct manual should be developed.
- ◆ Develop a public education campaign to promote skateboard safety from the user and pedestrian perspective

Recreational concerns

- ◆ Modify City ordinance to permit skateboarding in specific parks
- ◆ Conduct poll to determine the interest the public has in designing and using skateboard parks
- ◆ Skateboard park development is beyond the scope of this Task Force

As a result of this process the City conducted a skatepark survey targeted at skateboarders in the spring of 1987. However, the results seemed to have little influence on getting a skatepark built.

1987 - Skatechurch

In 1987 due to a lack of public facilities and as a result of getting kicked out of various locations in their neighborhood, skateboarders, led by two students from the Multnomah School of the Bible who were top-flight freestyle skateboard competitors, approached Central Bible Church in Northeast Portland about a place to skate. Hence the nation's first "SkateChurch" was born. According to a recent article in the New York Times (March 18, 2005) the pastor at the church "saw an instant bond that skateboarding forged between the two men and the kids and prevailed upon the pair to form a new kind of youth ministry."

What started out as throwing together some ramps in a parking lot once a week for an hour and an half evolved into an 11,000 square foot indoor skate facility managed by a 40 member staff. Paul Anderson, one of the two original skaters from the Bible School, leads Skatechurch in Portland. If you skate there you also hear the "gospel." According to the New York Times, "Mr. Anderson estimates that there are now at least 300 skateboard outreach ministries affiliated with churches nationwide, as well as 30 to 50 skateboard teams that travel locally to skate and preach."

Although Skatechurch is a private organization and not a part of the public skate advocacy history, it is important to note due to the widespread influence the Portland movement had nationwide.

1988 – Portland Development Commission

Records indicate that in 1988 the Mayor's office requested Portland Development Commission develop a schematic design for a skatepark near north Waterfront. PDC created the design then recommended "that the City not pursue an expensive and sophisticated facility at this time, but rather ... investigate the purchase or construction of temporary, movable equipment for location at an indoor site."

1990 – Another Skateboard Task Force created by the city

This Task Force was charged with siting and building a skate facility. First, the Task Force conducted a skater preference survey regarding the type of facility preferred by skaters. Second, the Task Force selected sites based on the following criteria:

- ◆ Minimum hassles with neighbors and other park users
- ◆ Access to public transit
- ◆ Positive Image (Portland Parks and Recreation, History Document)

Three parks were selected for a skatepark: Laurelhurst, Grant and Mt. Tabor. Additionally, four alternative parks were proposed for further study: Gabriel, Creston, Montavilla, and Grant. According to Portland Parks and Recreation, community opposition squashed further development efforts.

Early 1990's - Burnside: Frustrated skaters get creative

Frustrated with the public inertia skateboarders in the early 1990's took matters into their own hands and built a world-class skatepark under the Burnside Bridge. Burnside, as it is known, was built and designed illegally by skaters. They used their own funds and worked with local businesses who donated materials.

Prior to the skaters building the park the location was inhabited by drug dealers, the homeless, and prostitutes. The creation of the skatepark effectively cleaned up the area and business owners on the Central Eastside embraced the park as a result. Positive effects on the neighborhood prompted the City Council to pass a resolution in 1992 sanctioning the park.

Burnside is an internationally renowned skatepark. Skaters from across the globe travel to skate the park. Tony Hawk, possibly the most famous skateboarder in the world, features Burnside in his Pro Skater video game. Oregon Public Broadcasting aired a documentary about the park titled "Full Tilt Boogie." Although Burnside is the "most famous skatepark, it is also the most intimidating" according to Kent Dahlgren, the Executive Director for Skaters for Public Skateparks. It is not a skatepark designed for beginners.

Out of the Burnside efforts emerged what are now several world-famous skatepark design-build firms located in the Pacific Northwest: Dreamland, Gridline, Airspeed and Place to Ride. The same skaters who built Burnside illegally are building skateparks, legally and for money, as far as Austria and Italy.

2001 - Pier Park: Portland's only public skatepark

Portland's first public skatepark was built in Pier Park in the St. John's neighborhood. This skatepark is the only publicly owned and operated skatepark in the City. It is 7,500 square feet and was built by local skaters and the Army Corp of Engineers with private funds. Due to design and construction flaws Pier Park does not meet the demands of intermediate and advanced skaters. Beginner skaters from the neighborhood and BMX bikers are the primary users of the park. Skaters for Portland Skateparks, a local non-profit advocacy group, recently accepted a \$75,000 challenge grant from NikeCo to improve the park. Efforts are underway to raise \$150,000 by the end of 2005 to begin construction. The neighborhood surrounding the park supports these improvements.

2005

Despite the lack of skateparks within Portland, the City has gained a reputation for being relatively supportive of skateboarders because of its acceptance of the Burnside skatepark and because Portland is the only metropolitan City in the United States that has legalized designated skateboarding on downtown city sidewalks. Oregon as a state has embraced the emerging popularity of skateboarding; there are currently approximately 75 skateparks across the state.

In 2002, voters passed a parks levy, which provided funding for two public skateparks for the City of Portland. This levy was the impetus for Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) to develop a skatepark master plan.

Park Staff Interviews by Location

Aperio selected the following parks staff to interview based on:

Size = Less than equal to 10,000 (except Tanner Creek which was a profile park)

Skatepark creator = Reputable design-build firm

Proximity to Housing = 75' to 100' feet.

Park Staff Interviews completed

City	Name of Skatepark	Size	Creator	Distance from Housing
OR Skateparks				
Aumsville	Brian Haney Memeporial Park	8000	Dreamland	500
Brookings	Bud Cross Park	8000	Dreamland	100
Gresham	Davis Park	2800	Walker Macy	200
Eugene	Bethel	8100	Airspeed Skateparks, LLC	200
Molalla	Mollala Community Youth Center	7600	Serena de la Cruz & Army Corps	150
Newport	Sam Moore Parkway	6500	Dreamland	100
Portland*	Pier Park	7800	Army Corps of Engineers	250
West Linn*	Tanner Creek	14000	Grindline	75
Donald	Donald Skatepark	2500	Dreamland	100
WA Skateparks				
Burien	Burien Community Center & Grounds	7500	Purkiss	100
Milton	Milton Common Skatepark	10,000	Grindline	100
Yakima	Chesterley Park	10,000	Skateparkiture	500

*profile parks

Note: all parks are concrete

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Subject: Skatepark
From: Sandra Wallace (smswallace@gmail.com)
To: t.proctor@nhs-inc.com; jmarto@pacbell.net; tory.delfavero@sbcglobal.net;
Date: Friday, January 30, 2015 2:07 PM

Tricia and Tory:

I enjoyed talking with you this morning and am sorry Marie couldn't be part of the conversation. Marie, I hope your dog is okay and that the problem was temporary.

Regarding the skateboard park, it is my opinion that Monterey Park belongs to the City of Capitola and it is their prerogative to develop it as they wish.

Thanks again.

Regards,

Sandie

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CITY OF CAPITOLA

TO: Capitola City Council Members
 FROM: Michael and Barbara Arroyo
 SUBJECT: Proposed Skate Park in Monterey Avenue Park
 DATE: January 28, 2015

NO VOTE FOR SKATEPARK IN MONTEREY AVENUE PARK

We are property owners in Capitola and our residence is located at 705 Monterey Avenue, which is located directly across the street from the Monterey Avenue Park. As such, we **fully oppose** the proposal for a skate park in Monterey Avenue Park for the following reasons:

A safe, family-friendly, multi-use skatepark is currently being constructed on McGregor Drive only three blocks away from the proposed site on Monterey Avenue. A second skate park in Monterey Park is unnecessary and unsuitable for this area.

The neighborhood is already heavily impacted by existing facilities, such as: the New Brighton Middle School (NBMS), the Performing Arts facility at NBMS, Saint Joseph's Church, Cliffwood Heights neighborhood church, and numerous sports activities occurring in the Monterey Avenue Park.

Other concerns in regard to the proposed skate park in the Monterey Avenue Park include:

- Noise from the skate park,
- Increased traffic and parking congestion,
- Loss of green space in Monterey Avenue Park,
- Lower property values for residents in the neighborhood,
- Graffiti and vandalism and the additional cost of maintenance to the City for park upkeep,
- Liability to the City for injuries and damage occurring at the park,
- Creation of an attractive nuisance for NBMS students by older skaters coming into the park during school hours. Also the additional attraction of pedifiles coming into the residential area to seek out children at the skate park which puts the children and grandchildren of the residents at risk of danger as well,
- Major opposition of residents bordering the proposed area.

Skateparks are best suited for **nonresidential** areas such as the McGregor Drive area. We ask that you help us to preserve the character of our residential neighborhood. We join the major opposition of the other neighborhood residents bordering the proposed area in a united NO against this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Michael Arroyo
Barbara Arroyo

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CITY OF CAPITOLA

DATE: January 26, 2015

TO: Capitola City Council Members -
Mayor Dennis Norton
Vice Mayor Ed Bottorff
Council Member Stephanie Harlan
Council Member Michael Termini
City Treasurer Christine McBroom
Public Works -
Public Works Director Steven Jesberg

FROM: Sheryl Coulston, Capitola Resident
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Capitola, CA 95010
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smcoulston@sbcglobal.net

SUBJECT: Opposition of a Skate Park at Monterey Park

I am surprised that again the Capitola Monterey Park is under consideration for a skate park. I was and am so happy that the McGregor Drive Multi-Use Park is under construction. It is an ideal location for all play, dog park, pump track, and skate park. I love the design and can hardly wait to take my grandsons over to the pump and skate park on one of their visits.

I appreciated the decision not to locate it in Monterey Park in close vicinity of residents and New Brighton Middle School.

The Skate Park Design that I received in the mail today with the Public Hearing Notice looks like a builder has already been selected for this project. I'm not sure how these things are supposed to work but why would the City want another skate park 3 blocks from the McGregor site?

I will be out of town for the Public Hearing on February 11 so I am providing my written opposition to the construction proposal of a skate park at Monterey Park. My first concern is that the Monterey Park location does not meet the standards of the Capitola City General Plan that states that the City "Has a duty to preserve the character of residential neighborhoods".

My personal concerns that this is not an ideal location for a second Skate Park (why does Capitola need two?) are these:

- Noise! Even though I live in Brookvale Terrace we are just a hop skip & jump away from Monterey Park and our quiet little Noble Gulch community seems to just provide a place for community sounds to echo! We can walk out our upper gate and be at the park within minutes.

- Increase of traffic in the quiet neighborhoods and parking on Monterey Ave., Orchid Ave., & Junipero Court everyday of the week!
- Skate parks attract older skaters all day long. I'm not sure this nuisance (besides the noise) should be within the vicinity of the middle school.
- Along with skate parks does come some graffiti and vandalism and thus a cost of additional maintenance. This I am sure is a well known fact isn't it?
- Sadly a skate park of any size would take away wonderful green space in a residential neighborhood.
- Additional events that would be held at the skate park (competitions & tournaments) would increase congestion in this area and add more noise.

I do not oppose Skate Parks. I do like to take my young grandsons to them when they visit and have gone to Santa Cruz for this activity. I look forward to the opening of the multi use park at McGregor Drive. But I think I have 'hung' enough at skate parks with them during the day to hear the noise and see the older park users may not be what you want in this neighborhood and near a school.

I hope since most residents who supplied public objections to the Monterey Park location previously may not have a voice now as they will think their comments have been heard with the construction of the multi use park on McGregor Drive. But indeed the topic is here again for another skate park --- is it 3 blocks from the one under construction. Perhaps you can look at or remind yourselves of previous comments and concerns that were voiced. I certainly feel for City staff having to work on this item again apparently because someone with more money than I (money talks these days?) is tossing \$200,000 into this skate park at this site? I'd actually like to believe this is a rumor but I think that is why it has come into consideration again. Perhaps this money can be directed to add the sidewalks & bike paths from Park Ave. to the McGregor Drive Multi-Use Park.

I hope you will please remember to preserve the character of these residential neighborhoods. We prefer to hear ocean breezes in the trees, sometimes the ocean waves, rather than click click click of skates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheryl M. Coulston *Sheryl M. Coulston*

Cc: Christine Bentley, Manager, Brookvale Terrace Mobile Home Park

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Liz Toshikian [ltoshikian@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:47 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Tricia Proctor; Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net); shane@tri.be; Julie Pearlman
Subject: Forward Shane and Julie Pearlman's Letter of Support for Monterey Ave. Skatepark

Howdy city council members,

My wife Julie and I wanted to write in about our support and strong desire to see a small skate park built at the park on Monterey ave. Our house is at 211 washburn ave (facing the Jr High). We have a 6yr old and a 1yr old and play at the park nearly every afternoon. The park currently has a lot of space, which is great, but no infrastructure for our kids to cavort. A skate park, some picnic benches, and a small jungle gym / swings would be FANTASTIC. My wife and I would be willing to personal donate some funds should that make a difference.

I currently drive my daughter regularly to the pump track in aptos and the skate park down by the river in santa cruz. You would think the skaters there would resent a young girl on her tinker bell skateboard asking if she can take over the bowl, but we she pretty much gets cheered and encouraged. In a space that is so male dominated, I love seeing her thrive.

- S & J

Shane Pearlman
831.345.7033
Modern Tribe Inc
@justlikeair

PS: Dear City Council I just need to add that there of 16 families (Ettingers, Pearlman's, Horns, Harways, Bellows, Walbridges, Dukes, Santees, Conleys, Costas, Whites, Reeds, Atchleys, Niiyamas, Tuttmans, Hawes,) I know of that live in this neighborhood whom have daughters ranging in ages from 2 to 17 that are excited to let their daughters have a safe place to skateboard close to home. Some of these families live next to the park. This is about 64 people that will benefit from this park's additions and improvements. Thank you Liz Toshikian Ettinger.

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: hchristine555@gmail.com on behalf of Christine Bentley [hchristine@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 10:23 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Opposition to the Monterey Avenue Skate Park

How much more noise do we need? The idea that a beautiful, peaceful park will contain a skate board area just a few blocks from another skate board park seems totally unnecessary. It is not hard to figure out that these skateboarders will be up and down Monterey Avenue and into the village. We have had a continues problem where I am a resident, Brookvale Terrace Mobile Home Park with skateboarders jumping our fence and skateboarding down the hill, just missing cars and walking residents. The presence of a skateboard park so close will surely increase that activity.

Please take this into consideration when making your decision.

Christine Bentley
hchristine@charter.net
831-465-6590

From: Shane Pearlman <shane@tri.be>
Date: January 27, 2015 at 1:48:19 PM PST
To: Liz Ettinger <ltoshikian@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: skate park emails or letters

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DATE: January 26, 2015

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Public Works Director Steven Jesberg

FROM: Sheryl Coulston, Capitola Resident
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Capitola, CA 95010
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SUBJECT: Opposition of a Skate Park at Monterey Park

I am surprised that again the Capitola Monterey Park is under consideration for a skate park. I was and am so happy that the McGregor Drive Multi-Use Park is under construction. It is an ideal location for all play, dog park, pump track, and skate park. I love the design and can hardly wait to take my grandsons over to the pump and skate park on one of their visits.

I appreciated the decision not to locate it in Monterey Park in close vicinity of residents and New Brighton Middle School.

The Skate Park Design that I received in the mail today with the Public Hearing Notice looks like a builder has already been selected for this project. I'm not sure how these things are supposed to work but why would the City want another skate park 3 blocks from the McGregor site?

I will be out of town for the Public Hearing on February 11 so I am providing my written opposition to the construction proposal of a skate park at Monterey Park. My first concern is that the Monterey Park location does not meet the standards of the Capitola City General Plan that states that the City "Has a duty to preserve the character of residential neighborhoods".

My personal concerns that this is not an ideal location for a second Skate Park (why does Capitola need two?) are these:

- Noise! Even though I live in Brookvale Terrace we are just a hop skip & jump away from Monterey Park and our quiet little Noble Gulch community seems to just provide a place for community sounds to echo! We can walk out our upper gate and be at the park within minutes.

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- Increase of traffic in the quiet neighborhoods and parking on Monterey Ave., Orchid Ave., & Junipero Court everyday of the week!
- Skate parks attract older skaters all day long. I'm not sure this nuisance (besides the noise) should be within the vicinity of the middle school.
- Along with skate parks does come some graffiti and vandalism and thus a cost of additional maintenance. This I am sure is a well known fact isn't it?
- Sadly a skate park of any size would take away wonderful green space in a residential neighborhood.
- Additional events that would be held at the skate park (competitions & tournaments) would increase congestion in this area and add more noise.

I do not oppose Skate Parks. I do like to take my young grandsons to them when they visit and have gone to Santa Cruz for this activity. I look forward to the opening of the multi use park at McGregor Drive. But I think I have 'hung' enough at skate parks with them during the day to hear the noise and see the older park users may not be what you want in this neighborhood and near a school.

I hope since most residents who supplied public objections to the Monterey Park location previously may not have a voice now as they will think their comments have been heard with the construction of the multi use park on McGregor Drive. But indeed the topic is here again for another skate park --- is it 3 blocks from the one under construction. Perhaps you can look at or remind yourselves of previous comments and concerns that were voiced. I certainly feel for City staff having to work on this item again apparently because someone with more money than I (money talks these days?) is tossing \$200,000 into this skate park at this site? I'd actually like to believe this is a rumor but I think that is why it has come into consideration again. Perhaps this money can be directed to add the sidewalks & bike paths from Park Ave. to the McGregor Drive Multi-Use Park.

I hope you will please remember to preserve the character of these residential neighborhoods. We prefer to hear ocean breezes in the trees, sometimes the ocean waves, rather than click click click of skates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheryl M. Coulston

Cc: Christine Bentley, Manager, Brookvale Terrace Mobile Home Park

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Maria Thomas [prosino@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 12:23 PM
To: City Council

Hello, I'm writing in regard to the February 11th, skate park meeting at 7pm.

I am unable to attend as I work the evening shift. I am disappointed to learn you require a community member to be physically present in order for their opinion to count.

I don't recall when voting for council members, that my presence was required for my vote to count. I simply dropped off the proper documents with my signature and that was enough.

We have lived in the neighborhood for over 11 years. Our son grew up skating and had to always be driven to the nearest skate park.

In Santa Cruz it took them over 10 years to provide a skate park for their children to play in. Yes, skate boarding is playing, not an evil sport. They then chose one of the most crime ridden areas of town. But with the fencing, hours of closure, lights, rules, etc... it's been a good and safe situation as far as I have seen and heard.

It's easy to forget when our children have grown and moved on, that others are in need of things for their children. The proposed, paid for by outside source, fenced, well light, hours of closure, small skate park is something that many would enjoy and benefit from.

The possible concern for traffic noise, well, as one living on Magellan street I can say I hear the freeway all day and night. If the free way had hours of closure, now that would be great!

As for concern about more cars, well if all the neighbors around our beloved Gayle's restaurant did not like all the traffic and commotion and we told her "sorry home owners in the area" don't like the noise, that business never would have come into our lives and provided all the wonderful things it does for adults and "our children". Hence a park in this area means walking, skating, biking, to it rather than having to be driven.

I'm sure we can agree that life has become pretty challenging for young kids these days. Can we not all work together to do something safe, positive, and good for them and their parents?

I hope as a council you will seriously consider all this and not just depend on how many bodies are in a room to determine the outcome.

Thank you for your time and service
Maria Thomas

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From: Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 7:36 AM
To: Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Fw: skate park

From: Al Globus <alglobus@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 6:04 PM
To: Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); Dennis Norton; City Council
Subject: skate park

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Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Al Globus [alglobus@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 10:28 AM
To: Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); City Council; Dennis Norton
Subject: Monterey Park Skatepark Proposal Community Meeting

I went to this on Saturday and would like to share my experience with you.

First, I oppose the proposal because it will be ugly and noisy. It is fair to say that most, if not the vast majority, of the park neighbors oppose the skatepark for this and other reasons. I support the McGreggor Park, I think the council made a great move coupling the skatepark with BMX and dog parks.

For the proponents, it's not really about a skate park. There's going to be a skatepark at McGreggor. It's not really about location, McGreggor and Monterey Parks are only a few hundred yards apart. It's about convenience. To use McGreggor they believe they will need to drive their kids there and hang out while they skate. At Monterey they can tell their middle-schooler to go to the park after school and they'll get picked up in an hour or two. To get this convenience, the plan is to steamroller the park neighbors.

The proponents were very big on 'eyeballs' at Monterey Park. First, this implies they think McGreggor will fail, that no one will ever be there. I think they are wrong, there will be lots of people, particularly dog walkers, there. Also, this implies that they want someone else to look after their kid while they're skating. Understandable, certainly, but consider what's next.

The biggest 'drop' at the proposed park is six feet. There are also a lot of four-five foot drops. It's been a long time since I skateboarded and we didn't have skateparks in those days, but I never had enough skill to handle a six foot drop. It will be seen as quite challenging for a lot of older skaters, meaning it won't be just young local kids there. Also, some kids without the necessary skill will try the drop and fall. That's up to a six foot fall onto concrete, meaning broken bones and teeth. As Mom or Dad may not be there, the 'eyeballs' - other people - at the park are going to have try to contact the parents and decide whether to call 911 for an ambulance.

The proponents pooh-poohed the need to protect the park from baseballs. In the middle of the meeting a ball was hit into the crowd a few feet from the proposed park and struck a woman in the arm. She went home to treat it.

One other issue: the proponents claim to have a lot of signatures. I think it's a safe bet that when pitching this petition they didn't mention neighborhood opposition.

My advice to the council: do not approve a second skatepark before the first one is built and has been used for a year or two. Then, should a second park be appropriate, don't put it right next to the existing park! Put it where the folks on the other side of the creek can get to it easily without going through the village or freeway traffic.

My advice to the proponents: Make McGreggor a great park. On Saturday some of you told me you opposed McGreggor. Other's said McGreggor wasn't being built right but they had no intention of helping the city make it better. Don't ignore what the city council has given you. Take advantage of the park you already have.

My advice to the park neighbors: Make sure you are at the city council meeting on Wed. 11 Feb, even if you do not want to speak. The feeling of the crowd is important.

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January 25, 2015

City Council Members,

We are writing to voice our opposition to the proposal to construct a skateboard park at Monterey Park. We do not feel this location is appropriate for a skateboard park, especially with the construction of another skateboard park just a mile away. The proposed location at Monterey Park is not a good fit within the boundary of the park. With all of the activity at the park at various times of day and during the year, a skateboard park would only increase the numbers within the small park. The park is just not large enough.

While attending an informal meeting at the site this last weekend, there was an adult softball game in progress. The people attending the meeting were gathered at the proposed site of the skateboard park when all of a sudden, the softball players started yelling. A high fly ball had been hit in the direction of the gathering. The fly ball actually struck one of the members of the meeting in the wrist. She had to leave the meeting to get ice to reduce the swelling.

Now, if one of the those fly balls were to be hit in the direction of the skateboard park and strike a 7 year old skateboarder in the face, the outcome would be much worse and certainly require more than an ice bag on a wrist, not to mention the liability involved.

After witnessing the incident, we agreed this is not a good location for a skateboard park. We urge City Council to reject any proposals for a skateboard park at this location. It is just not a good location.

Thank you for your time,

Larry and Ellen Borger
129 Cabrillo St.

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January 25, 2015

CITY OF CAPITOLA

Dear City Council Members,

We commend the City Council for their actions that resulted in the current construction of the family-friendly, multi-use park at the McGregor site in a non-residential area. Upon completion, it will be an asset to the community of Capitola, without a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

We are strongly opposed to a second skate park being constructed at Monterey Park in such close proximity to McGregor. We feel it is unnecessary and will negatively impact our neighborhood. We share many of the same concerns that our neighbors have raised:

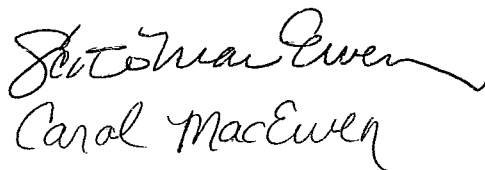
- Noise
- Increased traffic on a busy street
- Loss of green space
- Lower property values
- Graffiti and vandalism / cost of maintenance
- Parking congestion on Monterey Ave., Orchid Ave., and Junipero Court seven days a week

We are also concerned about the non-disclosed source of funding that the pro-skate park organizers have obtained.

As residents of this neighborhood for over 25 years, we have observed several city and school developments. The expansion of the New Brighton Middle School campus resulted in the elimination of the Capitola Elementary School's playground leaving a void in this neighborhood for young children to play.

We feel that an appropriate use of this space at Monterey Park would be to provide a play recreation area for neighborhood young families and children.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.



Scott & Carol MacEwen
613 Monterey Avenue

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From: Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 7:25 AM
To: Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Fw: Community Meeting Re-Cap

From: The Martorella's <jmarto@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2015 3:44 PM
To: City Council; Tricia Proctor; Liz Toshikian
Subject: Community Meeting Re-Cap

Dear Council

We are writing to provide a summary of our Community Meeting we had today up at Monterey Skate Park so that, while fresh on our minds, you have that information for the upcoming public hearing. We missed the couple of you who had stated you wanted to join us - but here is a recap for everyone's benefit.

This may be lengthy but we, again, need to remain transparent in this effort and despite a few people who oppose, you will see in our packet to be submitted, the overwhelming majority support the park - we do not waiver on this one bit and have the signatures and support letters to back that up.

*About 12 neighbors showed up with the following concerns (they represented approx 9 households as a few were 'couples' from the same address)

The concerns brought up were nothing new and we have researched each previous to this meeting today but so that we are transparent in everything leading up to the public hearing, here they are, in no particular order beyond #1...

Concerns brought up:

- #1 concern - do NOT the space used for ANYTHING other than green space. (They kept referring to the fact that they were promised (by the City) a GREEN SPACE to be used for NOTHING...EVER....
2. Size was an issue - however we brought up the 2012 meeting which asked us to present a 6000 sqft park so the size was not 'random' but generated from that public hearing.
3. 'Element' was brought up; we explained this park is geared for younger kids and that the 'element' is already primarily here, using the middle school for a large portion of the day, and the 'other element' are young kids not yet in school or elementary aged 'elements' as well.
4. One gentleman (Don Sanders) was very concerned about gangs and/or activity such as rape happening at the park. We were very concerned and asked him if this is occurring now???? He said 'no' but is worried the 3-14 year old group we are targeting might somehow bring that. I find this not of a huge concern personally....
- 5.Noise - again, this topic requires education on many levels. For many people, the experience with skateboards is when they roll down the sidewalks. The sidewalk is much rougher than the skatepark, so mcht of

the wheel sound will be inaudible. what you will hear is local kids having a good time (See #1 above) Sound studies conducted at skateparks across the nation have revealed that skateparks to be about as loud as a few people having a conversation. The skatepark will have less ambient noise then a baseball field.

(Here was a study done by the Portland Sheriff's department, Chief Noise Officer)

For context, here are some other average decibel readings:

10: Threshold of good hearing

40: Household noise

50: Office noise

60: Conversational speech

65: Skatepark

70: Normal street noise

85: Noisy restaurant

100: Passing truck

105: Snowblower

115: Football game

125: Chainsaw

6. - Curb Appeal Nobody wants an ugly skatepark, especially those people that will frequently use it. They say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and there are some people that won't like the skatepark no matter what. What we see is a place where kids can work on some tricks and break a sweat. If it's trash you're worried about, we're confident that we can find some great, fun ways of keeping trash to a minimum.

7. A few people asked about the 'double fence' - was this a public works requirement? Dreamland put in a double fence - we think unintentionally but before we have them remove it on the drawings, we want to make sure that wasn't a requirement we didn't know about.

8. A few people asked if there were going to be 'park monitors'... we said we didn't believe that was a necessary expense to have essentially a yard duty to supervise the park.

9. These 12 people, also in addition to wanting this park to remain 'green space' do not want any of the baseball games, soccer games (and incidentally, it was Pony League try out day today), and don't want any potty's placed there. So meanwhile back at the pony league try outs, where do you suppose the little kids had to go to use the 'potty'... Those bushes and trees look fabulous as 'cover' when you gotta go....

10. Overall 'element' concern with language, graffiti, etc - general contempt, once again, for the targeted age group..... There's no reason to think the skatepark will be covered in graffiti. We have lots of facilities that don't have graffiti, so we'll take the approach to graffiti that those other facilities have used. We'll do the same thing that works elsewhere. The skatepark is going to address some very serious issues, and we'd hate to see any important decisions being made based on something like this. Some teenagers swear. We recognize that. We feel that it's important that the skatepark is inclusive and invites people from the whole community to come check it out, and that the facility attracts the young skateboarder. This should help keep the language reasonable

We recognize that the current character of the park will be altered, but we see it as an improvement that builds on the park's strengths. The skatepark will invite a new generation of park visitors to build memories at the park.

We ended up calming down at least half of the people - a few even said they would learn to adjust to it if it were there and appreciated all of the work and effort that has been put in.

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Keeping that as 'green' space isn't feasible particularly with Jade Street going away it is even more important we keep our Park a space for EVERYONE in the community - not simply 9 households - that is NOT that majority.

Mr. Steingrube stated to us he felt he didn't know this was 'still happening' since the 2012 meeting (felt this issue had died on the vine a long time ago and had 'no idea' this was still being pursued). He feels he has only known about this proposed location for 30 days.

If you review the minutes from Council Meetings in 2014- we attended and spoke up at: July 31st; October 23rd; November 25th. (not to mention attending the two design meetings for McGregor and voicing opposition of that as well)

It was during mid 2014 we had felt we satisfied the criteria placed upon us in 2012 to a point of re-submission to the City of this proposal. It had not died on the vine, but rather took time and a lot of money and redesign efforts to make this project worthy of a Community design.

Respectfully,

Tricia and Marie

Brett Bartle
717 Monterey Ave.
Capitola, CA, 95010
January, 24 2015

City Council Members
420 Capitola Ave.
Capitola, CA, 95010

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to you as a very concerned and quite baffled resident regarding the current plans to reconsider a skate park at Monterey Ave Park. I have lived in Capitola since 1983 and I purchased my home on Monterey Ave. in 2007. My concern is that we are still considering putting a skate park across the street from my home and removing more green space from our extremely small and limited park space we have now. I am baffled with this notion as well. We are in the process of rebuilding our home after an electrical fire destroyed most of my home. I mention this because of the enormity of the road blocks I was presented with when my wife and I inquired about making design changes to my home. As I am sure you know we have stringent policies and procedures regarding changes or modifications to homes because according to city building officials, "the City needs to ensure that we maintain the look and integrity of the neighborhood." I can't imagine a better way to negatively impact the look and integrity of our neighborhood than putting in another skate park.

My fondest childhood memories start from when we moved to Capitola on Cabrillo Street, where my mother still resides. I have been skating since I was 6 years old, and it was my preferred transportation to Capitola Elementary and New Brighton. When my friends and I wanted to go skate at a park it was easy, hop on the bus and go to Derby Park. Half of the fun was getting to the skate park. When we weren't skating at Derby we were either getting rides to skate the San Jose Warehouse skate park or else skating a half pipe in someone's backyard. I don't understand why there is this huge push to overpopulate the county with skate parks. Currently there are 14 soon to be 15 skate parks in the county that is more than sufficient. We already have issues with organized sport activities at the park. For the younger groups it is the lack of restrooms, on multiple occasions I get requests from coaches for their players to use the bathroom at my home because the park doesn't have any. With the older groups its alcohol consumption, loud music, inappropriate language and the occasional fight.

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A skate park in the middle of a residential zone is the worst possible scenario. Considering the known negatives that come with and are associated to skate parks it seems inconceivable to think we would want another skate park. Vandalism, traffic congestion, truancy and diminished property values are all valid concerns and unfortunately realities associated with skate parks. We are already so short on green space in general that sports teams from Mid County, Aptos, Watsonville and Live Oak utilize the park including a fair amount of the area that is being considered for the skate park. We should be striving to preserve the natural beauty of the park. It is enjoyed by so many people; playing sports, walking dogs, riding bikes or just to soak in some nature. All of my children learned to ride their bikes at the park. There isn't anything more peaceful than a super foggy Capitola morning at sunrise and walking your dog at Monterey Park.

Please consider the financial losses this would cause the residents of Monterey Ave., Orchid Ave. and Junipero Ct. Not to mention the additional man hours of our maintenance and police departments. If this is intended to provide benefit to all of the children in the city and not help market someone's skateboard company then we should do something that will actually benefit the children in Capitola. Instead of pouring 100 yards of concrete in the park we can pour about 20 yards of asphalt on Monterey Ave. and put in some speedbumps. Cars race down that street every day, 3 years ago my dog was ran over while I was walking her. The driver of the car was speeding and didn't notice me or my dog in the bike lane. Let's make the neighborhood and the street safe for the children. We need speed bumps to control traffic and high speeds, there should be speed bumps between the corner of Monterey/Kennedy and Monterey/Washburn.

A very concerned property owner,

Brett Bartle

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Mark Conley [mconley@mercurynews.com]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 3:30 PM
To: Norton, Dennis (dnortondesigns@msn.com); Bottorff, Ed (ebottorff167@yahoo.com); slharlan@ci.capitola.ca.us; Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); Jacques Bertrand; City Council
Cc: Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net); Tricia Proctor
Subject: Monterey Skate Park

Council members -

Monterey Park is a community hub for families like mine. We use it for baseball, softball, soccer, football, bike riding, walking, frisbee and more. One of the only things missing is a skate park for my 10-year-old daughter to begin following in the footsteps of her 13-year-old brother. That we've had to drive our son to all other parts of the county to find adequate places for he and his friends to skate is one of our few big disappointments with Capitola.

Our community deserves a safe place for young ones to learn a sport that is so built into the fiber of this county. McGregor Park is not a good option from a safety standpoint. Traffic issues are very real, as are concerns with potential crime in that area.

The families of Cliffwood Heights - and those from other parts of mid-county - deserve a safe, centrally located, well-viewed community skate park for our beginning and intermediate skateboarders. There is no better location in my opinion than Monterey Park.

Best Regards,

Mark Conley
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From: Kay Denike [clankay@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 9:21 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Skate Park

My name is Bob Denike, I am 52 years old, I am a community member and I am in support of this project at the proposed site. A yes vote is clearly a vote in support of youth in our community. This park is designed for kids from 3 to 14 years old; this age group is in an important part of their lives and development. These are kids that may not fit into and follow a traditional team sports path. I should know, as I was one of these kids. I was not good at baseball, football, soccer, basketball. It was not until I discovered skateboarding that I truly begin to feel I belonged and began to build confidence and self-esteem.

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To: citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us;
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Respectfully,
Bob Denike

School Board letters - No *opinion* **Item #: 9.A. Attach 2.pdf**

Subject: Re: Monterey Skate Park
From: Tory Delfavero (tory.delfavero@sbcglobal.net)
To: jmarto@pacbell.net; t.proctor@nhs-inc.com;
Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 7:00 AM

Hi -

Thank you for reaching out. I happy to listen to you as a resident of Capitola. But as a Trustee of the SUESD School Board I have no opinion on the proposed Skate Park at Monterey. Kindly -
Tory

From: The Martorella's <jmarto@pacbell.net>
To: Tory Delfavero <tory.delfavero@sbcglobal.net>; Tricia Proctor <t.proctor@nhs-inc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 6:54 PM
Subject: Monterey Skate Park

Dear Tory

Myself (Marie Martorella) and Tricia Proctor are heading up the proposed skate park at Monterey Park and would very much like to spend 30 minutes with you discussing our project, the time frame, and answer any questions you may have. As a member of the school board, it is of utmost importance to the two of us to share the facts of the project and if you or the board have any concerns, that we address them as soon as possible.
We appreciate your considering this proposal to review with us and let us know if you have any issues with the proposal. Thank you

Marie Martorella and Tricia Proctor

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Subject: Monterey Skate Park

From: Mark Conley (mconley@mercurynews.com)

To: dnortondesigns@msn.com; ebottorff167@yahoo.com; slharlan@ci.capitola.ca.us;
michael@triadelectric.com; jbertrand@ci.capitola.ca.us; citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us;

Cc: jmarto@pacbell.net; t.proctor@nhs-inc.com;

Date: Friday, January 23, 2015 3:29 PM

Council members -

Monterey Park is a community hub for families like mine. We use it for baseball, softball, soccer, football, bike riding, walking, frisbee and more. One of the only things missing is a skate park for my 10-year-old daughter to begin following in the footsteps of her 13-year-old brother. That we've had to drive our son to all other parts of the county to find adequate places for he and his friends to skate is one of our few big disappointments with Capitola.

Our community deserves a safe place for young ones to learn a sport that is so built into the fiber of this county. McGregor Park is not a good option from a safety standpoint. Traffic issues are very real, as are concerns with potential crime in that area.

The families of Cliffwood Heights - and those from other parts of mid-county - deserve a safe, centrally located, well-viewed community skate park for our beginning and intermediate skateboarders. There is no better location in my opinion than Monterey Park.

Best Regards,

Mark Conley
900 Kennedy Dr
831.713.9220

January 22, 2015

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Subject: Monterey Park Skatepark
From: Tessa Tuttman (tessatuttman@gmail.com)
To: citycouncil@ci.capitola.com;
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015 4:48 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Tessa Tuttman. My family lives in the Cliffwood Heights neighborhood located right behind Monterey Park and New Brighton Middle school. Monterey park is directly behind our house on Orchid Avenue.

I believe that the proposed skate park location of Monterey Park is a a much better location for the children to skate board than the McGregor Park location. I have an 11 year old and a 6 1/2 year old who would be using this skatepark. The Monterey location is much more visible and I believe it would be a safe place for the children to skateboard. Monterey Park is already an "active park" and adding a skatepark would be a great addition to our neighborhood. A skate park would provide a visible area where children can be active and skate in a designated area where skateboarding allowed and legal. Our family uses Monterey Park regularly and we would be thrilled with the addition of a skate park.

The McGregor Park location is out of sight and out of mind - I believe the "off the main street" location of McGregor Park makes it unsafe for children to ride/skate and for parents to walk to with a stroller. I have ridden bikes on McGregor Drive with my family once before and I believe I will not take them on that street again for safety reasons. In addition, I believe that the location of McGregor Park makes is conducive for possible drug use as it is more remote.

I really enjoy living behind the middle school and an active park. We can hear the children playing outside as well as games in the afternoons and on weekend. I do not believe that there will be a noise issue for the skateboarding in the park. When you live near a park and/or school that it is inevitable you will hear children and families. I can tell you right now, that my next door neighbor has been sanding all day long, and that is incredibly more annoying than the sound of children.

There is plenty of parking for the Monterey Park skatepark. I do not believe that it would cause a major increase in traffic on Monterey Avenue. We live in the suburbs in a beautiful area by an active park, a school and a church. I fully support the location of Monterey Park for a skate park. I think it would be a valuable addition to our community and it would provide a clean, safe place for our children to skate.

Sincerely,

Tessa Tuttman
730 Orchid Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

Cindi Busenhart

2811 Mission Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95073

January 21, 2015

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Kindest regards,
Cindi Busenhart

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Jennifer Wiens [jen_wiens@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 5:26 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Martorella, John (jmarto@pacbell.net); t.proctor@nhs-inc.com; Trevor Wiens
Subject: Dear Capitola City Council Members - RE: Skate Park at Monterey Park

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Jen and Trevor Wiens
 409 Loma Ave.
 Capitola, CA 95010

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michael@triadelectric.com;

Cc: jmarto@pacbell.net; ltoshikian@yahoo.com; scottharway@yahoo.com;

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 6:08 PM

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Scott Harway
205 Magellan St
Capitola Ca 95010

Lin and Tiffany Hsu
702 Orchid Avenue
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CITY OF CAPITOLA

Capitola City Council
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

January 21, 2015

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to formally oppose the construction and operation of a skate park at Monterey Park. Our residence is adjacent to Monterey Park, and we are concerned about the negative impact a skate park will have upon our neighborhood. Noise, traffic and lower property values are just a few of the issues that elevate the skate park into a nuisance.

Given the skate park on McGregor, including but not limited to, its services and proximity to Monterey Park, an additional skate park is unnecessary. Please consider the impact this park will have upon our beautiful, Capitola neighborhood, a neighborhood that I believe is a desirable place to live and raise children. As stated on the Capitola City website, "... the city has ... a vibrant commercial district and several distinct residential neighborhoods." If you add a skate park to our neighborhood, you take away its "distinct residential" character and impose upon it a commercial purpose and use.

Please vote "NO" on the proposed skate park at Monterey Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Lin Hsu and Tiffany Hsu in black ink. The signature on the left is a stylized cursive 'L' followed by a horizontal line. The signature on the right is a more complex cursive signature.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Fwd: skate park

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Annelies Walbridge <jawalbridge@charter.net>
Date: January 21, 2015 at 2:26:35 PM PST
To: <citycouncil@ci.capitola.ca.us>
Cc: The Martorella's <jmarto@pacbell.net>
Subject: skate park

The Walbridge family supports the skate park. We live on Magellan St. Capitola.

Thank you,

John and Annelies Walbridge

Richard Ow
P.O. Box 67358
Scotts Valley, California 959067-7358
January 20, 2015

Dear Capitola City Mayor, Council Members and Staff,

My name is Richard Ow, and my family owns the King's Plaza Shopping Center in Capitola and the King's Village Shopping Center in Scotts Valley.

I managed the Scotts Valley Shopping Center for over twenty years and supported and raised funds for the skate board park in Scotts Valley. Every day I would see skate boarders of all ages ride their skate boards in the shopping center. They skated in the parking lot and the walkways of the shopping center.

I supported the skate board park because a place was needed for skate boarders to skate. Skating in the shopping center was unsafe not only to the skate boarders, but also to the shoppers and pedestrians of the shopping center. Since the skate board park has been built there has been a minimal amount of skate boarding in the shopping center.

I truly believe the same thing will happen in Capitola at Monterey Ave Park if the skate board park is built and I fully support it. The skate board park will also give the opportunity for beginners to learn and for families to enjoy skating together. It will take the skate boarders off the street and into a safe park built especially for skate boarding.

I know that one of the opposing arguments is the element that it may bring. There will always be a percentage of negative element in any event or public place. Scotts Valley has not had any major problems since its existence.

The skate board park will be very useful and enjoyable to all of the families in the city and fully support it.

Thank you very much for your time to read my letter.

Very truly yours,

Richard Ow

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Subject: Skatepark at Monterey

From: Liz Toshikian (ltoshikian@yahoo.com)

To: dnortondesigns@msn.com; ebottorff167@yahoo.com; slharlan@ci.capitola.ca.us;
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Liz Toshikian Ettinger

145 Magellan st.

Capitola

Subject: Re: Monterey Skate Park project
From: Judy McGooden (jlmoptix@gmail.com)
To: jmarto@pacbell.net;
Date: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:04 PM

Hello Ladies- as I have no public opinion on this project, I don't think meeting will be productive for you.
regards, Judy McGooden

On Mon, Jan 19, 2015 at 9:21 AM, The Martorella's <jmarto@pacbell.net> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Marie Martorella and Tricia Proctor
359-9686 and 818-2566

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From: P Rodriguez (philrodrig@charter.net)
To: jmarto@pacbell.net;
Cc: t.proctor@nhs-inc.com;
Date: Monday, January 19, 2015 3:48 PM

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Phil

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Thank you,
Marie and Tricia

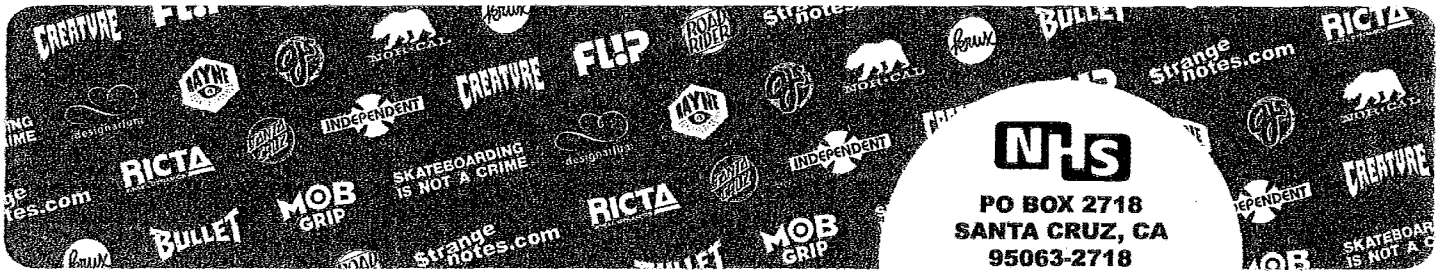
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To: Phil Rodriguiz <philrodrig@charter.net>; Tricia Proctor <t.proctor@nhs-inc.com>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 12:54 PM
Subject: Meeting regarding Monterey Skate Park

Hello Phil
Allow me to introduce ourselves to you -

My name is Marie Martorella & Tricia Proctor - we are the project leaders of the item coming before Capitola City Council in February regarding the skate park at Monterey Park.

We wanted to see if we can meet with you for 15-20 minutes to discuss our project and get feedback (if any) from you regarding our next steps as well as provide any answers to any questions you may have.

Do you have any time - either today (Friday) or this weekend? We would be happy to meet you at Gayles and just provide a quick overview of the project and where we stand at this time. If this weekend doesn't work, please let us know what date/time does and we will do our best to accommodate!



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January 19, 2015

Dear Capitola City Mayor, Council Members and Staff,

On behalf of NHS, Inc./Santa Cruz Skateboards I want to thank you for your generous time and support for the Capitola Skatepark project at Monterey Park. My name is Gavin Denike, Talent Manager for Santa Cruz Skateboards, Ricta Wheels and Mob Grip. Not only am I a college graduated respected business man within the Action Sports Industry, I am a well-known participate and citizen in the Skateboarding community here in Santa Cruz County.

Our community has an estimated 1,000 skateboarders, most of whom are under 18 years old, and more are picking up this athletic form of recreation every day. These children share the same passion I have for skateboarding, but have nowhere to do it safely. Despite this phenomenal growth of our sport, our community lacks sufficient facilities to accommodate this growth. We feel that this athletic drive should be supported by a safe, sanctioned place for these kids to exercise, socialize, and develop skills that will be useful throughout their lives. By building the Monterey Ave Park skatepark we are providing our youth with a safe, legal place to skate. Keeping our next generation of leaders out of gangs, and away from violence, drugs, alcohol and off the streets. Many other businesses, as well as community leaders and myself are on board as well as hundreds of individuals dedicated to the process of making this project happen, but we need your help.

The proposed project must meet the safety and standards for the latest skatepark design principles for skateboarders to develop their skills. The design shall be naturally integrated with the surrounding environment and feature a mix of street and transitional-style terrain, with elements designed for all age groups and ability levels. The design of the project should draw and challenge beginner to intermediate users, ages 3-14 as well as engage local neighbors and community members to the skatepark.

The Capitola Skatepark project was established to help raise awareness about the importance of these facilities, to advance the process of creating a new facility for our community's youth. This skatepark will help foster a sense of belonging among those youth, as well as empowerment among those whom have been relegated to recreating in illegal and unsafe places for far too long. We feel the ongoing, positive results of this endeavor will benefit our community for years to come. Our community is clearly excited and eager to see this project succeed and you can be a part of this excitement by supporting our youth and making this dream become a reality.

I would like to personally thank you for considering this opportunity. I am sincerely grateful for your support and please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions, (831) 600-1117 or g.denike@nhs-inc.com.

Respectfully,

Gavin Denike
 Talent Manager; Santa Cruz Skateboards, Ricta Wheels and Mob Grip
 NHS, Inc.

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CITY OF CAPITOLA

January 12, 2015

Dear City Council Members:

I recently have had door to door visitors discussing the proposed location of a skate board park across the street from my house at 617 Monterey Ave. My understanding was that the City council had secured funding for, and is in the process of, constructing a safe family-friendly multi-use park at Mc Greagor near Park Avenue. I understood the skate board park was to be located there. Apparently I was mistaken.

2 very well spoken nice young women appeared at my door to tell me they are again requesting the skate park be located at Monterey Ave. They explained the downsizing of the park, that the park would be designed for children up to 14 yrs of age, that it would not be noisy. Their main complaint of the Mc Gregor location seemed to be that it was next to a freeway off ramp. I thanked them and told them I was opposed to a skate board park of any kind in the park across the street from my house and refused to sign the petition. I believe it will in fact be noisy and that older skaters will use the park in spite of the design. I believe it will attract a more undesirable demographic into the neighborhood.

You have already heard the complaints by the neighbors about the location of a skate park in Monterey Park. I have attended several meetings on the subject. Why are we doing this again???? Except for a new family 2 doors down and visiting grandchildren, there are no children living in the vicinity of Monterey park. The Mc Gregor is area is nearby and has no close residential property. In my opinion is is an ideal location.

Traffic on Monterey Ave is already impacted with the church and the school. I have to work my life around school hours. It can literally take me ½ hour to get out of my driveway. There is often no street parking for visitors to my house. Yesterday someone coming out of Monterey Park too rapidly totaled the front of a car parked next door. It is my belief that mothers driving their children to the skate park will add to that traffic. There will also be more skaters on boards coming to and from the park. 2 people have already been killed in Capitola as a result of skateboard incidents. Even now I often have to dodge skateboarders when I am walking on Monterey Ave.

I am not opposed to seeing more active use of Monterey Park, I am not opposed to bathrooms being located there. I do not oppose the baseball teams and soccer players who already use the park. I would not be opposed to more equipment to encourage full body exercise in the park. A par course perhaps? I am not opposed to picnic tables, a better running track, things that a wider segment of the population may use. I do oppose the unnecessary covering of green space with 6000 ft of concrete to accommodate a small segment of the population who to think a skate park is a necessity and must be located across the street from my house. I am unable to attend the February meeting but am voicing my opposition in this letter.

Sincerely,

Janet Radcliffe
617 Monterey
Capitola, Ca

Sneddon, Su (ssneddon@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From: Robert Mayer [robearmon@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:54 PM
To: City Council
Subject: skate park

Robert Mayer
212 Elinor St.
Capitola
831-234-1955

I live 100 yards from Monterey Ave Park. I am very happy that that Capitola is building a dog/skate/pumptrack at the McGregor site.
I feel that there is no need for duplication of any of these venues in Capitola.

Thank You

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From: Lisa Steingrube [mailto:lisasteingrube@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 6:43 AM

To: City Council

Subject: Fwd: Skate park concerns

I tried sending this individually to each of you but it keeps getting returned so please forward to Ed, Stephanie and Dennis.

Lisa

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Lisa Steingrube" <lisasteingrube@gmail.com>

Date: Jan 11, 2015 9:34 PM

Subject: Skate park concerns

To: "dennis norton" <dnortondesigns@msn.com>, <edbottroff167@yahoo.com>, <sharlan@ci.capitola.us>

Cc:

Dear Council Members,

Several of my neighbors, along with my husband and myself, would like to meet with concerning the skate park approved at McGregor and the skate park being proposed at the Monterey Ave site. We met with Mike T. before Christmas and now that the holidays are over we would like to meet with the rest of you and share some of our concerns. We would be happy to meet with you anywhere that is convenient to all of you, but I would also be willing to open my house for a meeting. As you probably already know I live at 701 Monterey Ave. Phone is 332-7920.

A time at 5:00 or after would be best.

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Lisa

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CITY OF CAPITOLA

Dear City Council:

I do not want a skatepark at Monterey Park, where I live. It will be noisy and ugly. We already have soccer and baseball, and that's fine, but we've done our bit, made our compromise.

The skatepark-in-Monterey-Park folks are apparently unwilling to make the compromises necessary to live together in harmony. The city has approved, and begun building, a skatepark barely a half mile from here, but that doesn't seem enough for those who will not compromise in any way.

I urge you to reject this second skatepark and complete the park on McGregor. I also suggest putting in a sidewalk for access.

Al Bloly

219. Louipero Ct., Capitola

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Capitola City Council
420 Capitola Ave.
Capitola, Ca. 95010

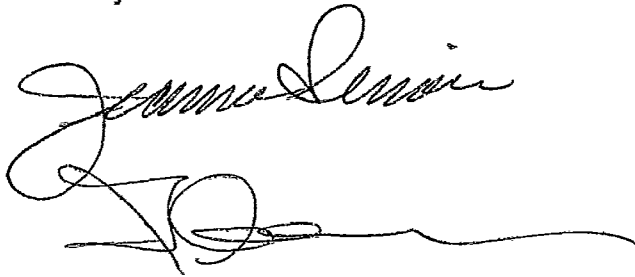
To All City Council Members:

It has come to my attention that the Monterey Park Skate Park is still under consideration even with the McGregor skatepark being built at this moment.

McGregor Park will be a wonderful asset for the community as well as State Park visitors. I don't feel that there is a need for another skate park in Capitola especially in the wonderful community park that is there now. McGregor Park will be easy to get to for all those school kids and be a less congested area for them to enjoy.

Please keep a skatepark out of Monterey Park.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Simari". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeanne Simari
Glenn MacPherson
157 Cabrillo St.
Capitola, Cal. 95010

231 Junipero Court,
Capitola, CA, 95010
January 11, 2015

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed skate park and changes to the Monterey Ave neighborhood park.

When Dennis Norton first met with area residents at the Monterey Ave Park, I was for the skate park that he described, under 6,000 sq. ft. and for young elementary school age kids. Unfortunately the group that wants to put in the skate park wants a lot more space, bathrooms and a place for kids to skate and hang out after school unsupervised.

I'm seriously concerned that the parties' backing/paying for the proposed skate park at Monterey Ave want to remain anonymous for now and have no interest in the McGregor Drive Skate Park. Just seems like there's some alternative motive other than giving the community a skate park.

I'm also concerned with the property values in the area with a skate park so close to residential homes. Our neighbor's (Derek and Sarah Johnson) lost an offer on their house after the potential buyer found out that a skate park was going in behind the house. The Johnson's then leased the house for two years before trying to sell it again.

When the Monterey Ave Park was developed one of the Council members at the time had wanted to have three baseball diamonds and saw the park as a place for baseball games, practices, tournaments, etc. The Council and concerned residents each made compromises, which included the existing parking, one baseball diamond, and no bathrooms. As far as the women's comments at the Nov. 25 Council meetings, I've never seen anyone defecate or know of anyone being cited by the police department for doing so. Putting bathrooms in the park will change the use of the park drastically. It will cost the city money to monitor and clean the bathrooms. Let's not forget what happened to the bathrooms on the Esplanade after they were remodeled.

The parks in our neighborhood are small neighborhood parks that have been developed and are currently being used by the people who live or go to school near the parks.

Not only does my house back up to the park, my work office faces the park. I also walk my dog and my family uses the park. I see the park being used daily by people in the neighborhood. The girls across the street practicing pitching with their dad, kids practicing and playing soccer, parents and kids flying airplanes, neighbors walking their dogs (one complaint I do have is that a lot of the dogs are off lease at the Monterey Ave Park, so I'm looking forward to the new Ozzi dog park that will give those who want their dogs to run a place to do so legally).

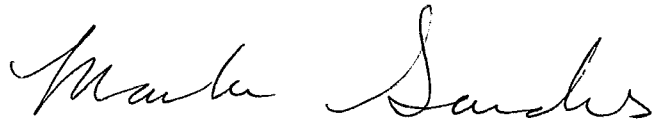
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I'm looking forward to the Dog and Skate Park at McGregor. I'm not totally against a Skate Park and see it's value. There are children in our neighborhood and most residents that have raised their children have grandchildren that visit and use the parks. I just see problems with putting it so close to residential homes. Parking, traffic, noise, property values, etc.

I love living in Capitola and have lived in our house almost 28 years. I plan on remaining here when I retire and could not imagine a better place to live. The city has worked hard to add parks around the city and made Capitola a place residences can enjoy and a destination for visitors to come and enjoy our city and beaches.

Thank you so much for working hard to give the community a wonderful place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marla Sanders". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marla Sanders

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CITY OF CAPITOLA

January 10, 2015

Dear Capitola City Council Members:

I was disappointed to read that building a skate park in Monterey Avenue Park is once again being considered by the Council despite construction of a wonderful multi-use park on McGregor Drive, which includes a large skate area. I thought this matter had been resolved.

The project on McGregor will enhance a property that has been underutilized for many years, creating an attractive and safe area that will benefit many Capitola residents. This is the right non-residential location for a skate park, and is wisely included as part of a multi-use facility. The Council did an good job endorsing and supporting this project.

There is no need for an additional skate park in such close proximity to McGregor. Despite that, Monterey Avenue Park is the wrong location for a skate park for a number of reasons: traffic impact, noise, safety, aesthetics, cost of additional maintenance/upkeep, lack of bathroom and other facilities and proximity to a school as well as location in a residential area.

Current traffic and parking on Monterey Avenue frequently makes it difficult to safely enter/exit my cul-de-sac on Junipero Court. Additional traffic and potential loiterers will pose a safety concern for residents, drivers and school children who walk/bike in the area. My property borders the sports field and track, so I am well aware of traffic and noise patterns related to Monterey Avenue Park.

As an 18 year Capitola resident and homeowner, I wish to voice my strong opposition to construction of a second skate park in Monterey Avenue Park. This is not the highest or best use of this land, nor does it serve the best interests of the majority of Capitola residents.

I urge the Council to be good stewards of our limited green space and take measures to preserve the character of our unique and beautiful neighborhood. Please oppose any proposal/permitting to build an additional skate park of any size in Monterey Avenue Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Robin Galther
223 Junipero Court
408-605-3907

JAN 15 2015

Council Members -

My family and I have lived on Monterey Avenue for a long time. This is a nice neighborhood, but not as quiet as it used to be. ~~Years~~ A few years ago we (in the neighborhood) suggested that speed bumps be installed on the road. Rejected. Stop signs instead. Now many drivers speed ^{to stop} to stop. I have called Capitol P.D. many times, the officers show up, write tickets, but when they are there ~~the best~~ they enter that log one the next day. Speeders, run back.

We have put up with that nonsense. Now a skateboard park is proposed in Monterey Park. We do not want a skate board park in Monterey Park or Monterey Avenue.

There will be a new skate board park in Morgan Park, even though we propose another city not Monterey Ave. Do the people wanting this skate board park in Monterey Park live near?

We in this Monterey Ave neighborhood do not want a skateboard park. Pick another site or not but not on Monterey Avenue. Voters and tax payer will be heard.

Sincerely,
Mildred A. Lam
209 Monterey Ave
Capitola

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CITY OF CAPITOLA

PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

LOCAL 3605

OF
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

P.O. Box 268
Soquel, CA 95073

November 10, 2014

To Whom It May Concern;

The Professional Firefighter's Association, IAFF Local 3605, is a local represented employee group that is employed by the Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County. All of our members work in the area of Capitola, Soquel and Live Oak. Almost all of our members live within Santa Cruz County with many of our members live within the City Limits of Capitola.

The Professional Firefighter's Association would like to officially endorse the proposed location of a Capitola Public Skate Park at the Monterey Avenue site; we do not endorse the other proposed site located on McGregor Drive. Our support of the Monterey Avenue site is based on safety, and a more convenient access from a greater portion of Capitola. Simply stated, the Professional Firefighter's Association is of the opinion that the McGregor Drive site is not safe to access from any direction. The only road leading to the proposed park is from the Park Avenue side. In reviewing this area, it is plain to see that there are no sidewalks or even adequate width for adult pedestrians let alone children to use to access this site. The Park Avenue/McGregor Drive/Kennedy Drive intersection is controlled with only a stop sign. In contrast, the proposed site on Monterey Avenue has greater access with wider roads, a lower posted speed limit and an abundance of sidewalks. While the Monterey Avenue site is not located centrally in Capitola, it is more centrally located than the McGregor Drive site. This will result in easier access by a greater portion of the Capitola population. The McGregor Drive site is also much more isolated when one considers a potential response from Police or Fire/EMS.

In closing, the Professional Firefighter's Association, IAFF Local 3605, would like to commend and thank the City of Capitola for actively supporting youth activities such as the proposed skate park and many other youth programs through the Capitola Recreation Department.

Thank you in consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,

Anthony Cefalohi
President

Professional Firefighter's Association, Local 3605

From: Simon Fletcher <simon.fletcher@PCSED.org>
To: The Martorella's <jmarto@pacbell.net>
CC: Tricia Proctor <t.proctor@nhs-inc.com>
Date: 10/27/2014 3:50 PM
Subject: RE: Capitola Skate Park

Marie and Tricia,

Pacific Collegiate School has operated in the Natural Bridges Elementary school building for the past 10 years. As you know, Derby park, operated by the City of Santa Cruz, is adjacent to the school property. The park has playground facilities, tennis courts, frisbee golf, and a skateboard area. I understand the potential concerns of having a skate park next door to a school. In my experience, in reality there has been little to no negative impact by the park on the school. In contrast, it provides yet another community resource for kids to be active during lunch (we have an open campus for high school) and after school. As long as there is a commitment by neighbors and the police department, I think a schools and parks are ideal partners. That a park provides activities for older kids like skate and bike facilities only enhances their value to the school and the community as a whole.

Regards,
Simon

Simon Fletcher
Principal
Pacific Collegiate School
(831) 479-7785 ext. 3102

From: Sheri Baxter <smdfbaxter@yahoo.com>
To: "t.proctor@nhs-inc.com" <t.proctor@nhs-inc.com>
Date: 10/27/2014 12:41 PM
Subject: Derby

To Whom It May Concern,

We are a long time local family that lives on the Westside near Derby Skatepark. Our children have enjoyed having Derby Skatepark near enough to bike to. We have hosted quite a few birthday parties at Derby over the years, it is family friendly and a lot of fun. We appreciate it's neighborhood location, compared to the Santa Cruz Skatepark because we feel safer letting our 12 year old bike to Derby to skateboard. The Santa Cruz Skatepark is near some very busy streets and it would be scary to let him manage to get there without our help. We are happy to report that Derby Skatepark is a great outlet for kids. We hope that you will consider having the Capitola Skatepark in a neighborhood as well.

Derby is well loved by the Westside parents and neighbors. Thank you.Sincerely, Sheri Baxter and family

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Tricia Proctor - Skate Park

From: Chris Hadland <chris_hadland@hotmail.com>
To: "samforcapitola@att.net" <samforcapitola@att.net>, "citycouncil@ci.capit...
Date: 7/31/2014 7:39 PM
Subject: Skate Park

Dear Capitola City Council Member,

My family and I have lived in Capitola for 14 years, and I grew up in Santa Cruz county. My wife, two boys (ages 6 & 10) and I currently live in the condo complex (Capitola Knolls - 1112 Sutherland lane) that corners Park and Kennedy. My wife was a driving force (along with Emily Martin) a few years back in renewing the talks about Capitola having a skate park, but she has lost her ambition due to the bureaucracy of it all. In the mean time, we are still driving our boys to Scotts Valley to ride as that is the only safe place for young riders in the county.

While our little family would love to have a skate park to call our own, I think the McGregor location is the worst possible site. Like I said before. We live closer than just about anyone to the proposed site and hardly a week goes by where I am not calling the Capitola Police department because of illegal or undesirable activity that happens near the corner of Park, McGregor and Kennedy. There is constant drug activity with heroin needles and crack pipes being found along the gutters of this area due to the proximity of the freeway. There is a constant battle with graffiti too and I'm starting to wonder if some that are in favor of the McGregor location wouldn't mind seeing a skate park fail, just so they could say, "I told you so."

The access to the proposed site would absolutely have to be by vehicle, because having the youth of our community walking or riding a bike is just asking for a tragic accident. I ask you to park in the nearby neighborhood and try walking yourself a few times. Take your son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter along for good measure. In fact push a stroller with two or three kids in tow as many of the families in the community would do. There are no sidewalks and the bike lane is inadequate.

We, the residents of this beach community embrace a skate park as skateboarding is a heritage for a surf community, but lets not banish our youth to occupy their time in a location outside our community. Doing so would only invite problems.

Sincerely,

-- Chris Hadland
chris_hadland@hotmail.com

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