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To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Monta Loma
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Dear City Council:

I am very distressed by the direction that the “reimagining Monta Loma Park” is going. Money is being spent on consultants (Carducci) to help plan the project. It seems to be a choice among various outdoor improvement projects. Our children need more ordinary outdoor spaces to play in, not “structured” equipment. Why not just leave the park as it is? The joint use experiment seems to be working (fencing off the field during school hours).

An alternative would be to re-allocate funds to projects that help students restore what they lost during the 2-year pandemic. How about tutoring, extra classes, or socialization projects to help them recover?

A Monta Loma Resident
Anita Stewart

From: [Martin Pulvers](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
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Dear City Council;

In anticipation of tonight's City Council meeting, it might be helpful to hear from yet another Monta Loma Neighborhood resident, one of 45 years standing.

The park that is adjacent to Monta Loma Elementary School has been an integral part of this neighborhood, and of this neighbor's nearly daily activities. That a contrived threat, one that has not developed in at least the 45 years that I know of (and I have volunteered at the school, so I would know of any sense of fear by the school's on-site administrators) might work to exclude access to the park by the neighborhood shows a craven character and raises the suspicion of pressure from outside interests. It also exhibits an unappealing insensitivity to the residents of this neighborhood. Do any of the council members live in the Monta Loma neighborhood? Does the potential of cutting off access to the park impact them in any way? Are any members of the council threatened with the removal of park space in their neighborhoods?

What happens to our park (and I bid you drive the neighborhood and see the percentage of homes with pro-park signs on the front lawns before making decisions) will be seen as a referendum as to how the city actually feels about its citizens. This neighborhood, of considerable size and clout, is sure to take what happens to our park into account for the next city council elections.

Sincerely,
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From: [Bob Sims](#)
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Dear Council members and Trustees,

I am sure you have heard from many Monta Loma residents about the park and what it means to them. I want to add something I learned recently that may be new to the mix.

I have lived in Monta Loma for 24 years now, having raised a son and a few dogs that use the park. Indeed, now my grown son uses the park for his dog when he is here. Access to quality park space is absolutely essential to quality of life and our access has been diminishing, especially now, limited to after 4:00pm for much of the year. I understand and to some extent accept the reasoning behind this, although still questioning/undecided about the degree of the security problems, my perspective being: I have both volunteered there, pre-pandemic (JustMath), and have read the most recent Monta Loma School incidence(?) report.

As Mountain View continues to push the population density, this limited resource is under even more pressure. What I discovered talking to dog owners in the park just last week is that our little park has become a destination for residents outside the immediate neighborhood, some across Central, some across Middlefield and some across Rengstorff, three of our four major boundary streets. This is in addition to the various and perennial sports leagues' uses. That is fine with me, happy to share, but just wanted to widen your perspectives as to the demand situation.

Regards,
Bob Sims
Diablo Ave