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From: Sebastian Brisbois
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Kamei, Ellen; Hicks, Alison; Ramirez, Lucas; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Matichak, Lisa; Showalter, Pat; Lieber, Sally; City.Council
Subject: Agenda Item 3.1 - 555 West Middlefield Road

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Dear Mountain View City Council members,

I'm a resident of Mountain View and a supporter of the project at 555 West Middlefield Road. More housing and public parks is exactly what our city needs. I hope this project is approved.

Sincerely,
Sebastian Brisbois

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From: Devon Conley <
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:41 PM
To: City.Council
Subject: Letter Re: School Parks and Fencing
Attachments: MVWSD Letter to Council Feb 23, 2021.pdf

Dear Mayor Kamei, Vice Mayor Ramirez, and Councilmembers,

Thank you for your partnership with the Mountain View Whisman School District. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the City regarding open space and school safety.

Please find attached a letter regarding this evening's Agenda Item 7.1.

Sincerely,

Devon Conley
Board President
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Mayor Ellen Kamei
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Dear Hon. Kamei:

Thank you for your recent communication outlining Council's desire for our city and schools to collaborate for the benefit of the community's use of open space.

We share the City's desired outcomes for our community's open space, which is to balance the needs of all of our stakeholders.

Key to our partnership is making sure that all stakeholders are working with the same foundational understanding. Ergo, I wanted to clarify a couple of points related to city/schools collaboration and managing open, recreational space in our community.

The first is in regards to the Monta Loma working group, which will be recommending solutions for Monta Loma school perimeter security. The District Advisory Committee (DAC) selected the members of this working group through a blind application process. The District does not have any input on this group's composition. The DAC is composed of parents who represent each of our schools and are elected by parents through each school's site council. They have served as an objective body for the district for over a decade.

We are looking forward to results from the Monta Loma working group, and we are confident that the process will result in a mutually beneficial solution. The Monta Loma working group will be providing regular updates to the community and Council, as well as posting it on <https://www.mvwsd.org/MLfence>.

We have an obligation to keep our employees and students safe, and sometimes this comes in conflict with what the public desires. It's extremely hard to find the appropriate balance. We hope that the City will hold all organizations and companies to the same standard when considering recreational space use. We understand and agree with Google's goal of keeping employees safe. Like Google, we want employees, who have repeatedly expressed this desire, to feel safe when they come to work every day. Additionally, we must ensure the safety



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of our most vulnerable - our children. Please apply your expectations evenly to both our perimeter fencing project and to Google's fencing project.

A key component of managing our open space is the city/schools joint use agreement (JUA). We look forward to addressing concerns and bringing the joint use agreement into alignment with the Civic Center Act (CCA). Current outstanding issues:

- The current agreement does not include Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary. The District currently is maintaining the Vargas fields. This maintenance includes purchase of equipment recommended by Parks and Rec for which we have yet to be reimbursed.
- The JUA needs to be amended to make sure that use of the jointly-owned sports pavilions reflects the ever-changing needs of the District and City; including the upgrade of HVAC units to adhere with our new District filtration standards.
- The City continues to cite its financial contributions to maintaining fields. One of the requirements of CCA requires that schools must have actual figures for revenues and expenses. We have not received this information in a format that would satisfy the CCA. As the community has pointed out, school fields are used constantly by Parks and Rec and community organizations. Understanding the City's revenues and expenditures is critically important to the agreement. I have instructed District staff to collaborate with City staff to create a transparent and amicable accounting system.
- As a result of the JUA not being updated and the turnover in City Council and City staff, the City has yet to fulfill some of its promised financial commitments. The district has been covering expenses for updates to fields and facilities.

I want to reiterate our appreciation for the City's collaborative spirit. I am confident that we can shore up the concerns in the joint use agreement. Thank you in advance for your support of the process for finding a solution to Monta Loma's perimeter security concerns.

Respectfully,

Devon Conley, President

cc: Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager