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Petition to Modify Safety Equipment Requirements at Folsom Skatepark 443-843-0137

Dear Folsom City Council,

We, the undersigned members of the Folsom community, respectfully request that the current requirement for all skatepark participants to wear full safety equipment, including knee pads, elbow pads, and helmets, be replaced with a policy that strongly encourages but does not mandate the use of such equipment. This adjustment would align our skatepark's policies with those of neighboring towns, whose parks are well-utilized despite having less stringent rules.

The current mandatory equipment policy has deterred many potential users, resulting in significantly lower participation at our skatepark compared to others in the area. We believe that reducing these restrictions will promote greater use of the facility while still emphasizing the importance of safety through strong recommendations and visible signage.

Why This Matters:

- Increased Accessibility: Making safety gear optional would remove a barrier for those who may find the requirement financially burdensome or inconvenient, especially casual users.
- Encouraging Activity: A more flexible policy could draw more participants to the skatepark, fostering a healthier and more engaged community.
- **Personal Responsibility:** Like other physical activities, skateboarding involves risk, and participants should have the ability to make informed decisions about their safety practices.

We, the Undersigned, Request:

- 1. That the city council replace the current mandatory safety equipment rule with a policy that encourages and strongly recommends wearing pads and helmets.
- 2. That visible safety notices and recommendations be posted at the skatepark to educate users about potential risks and the benefits of safety equipment.
- 3. That the council consider the usage trends of skateparks in neighboring towns to ensure fair and practical policies.

By signing below, we express our support for revising the skatepark's rules to encourage, rather than mandate, safety equipment.

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