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Greeting PRAC Comittee Members,

I'm writing in response to the recent decision to make significant changes to the Floyd Dryden Tennis Courts.

Your decision was made with poor information. Second, a change (not approved by the PRAC) is being made by Parks & Rec to the configuration that will further reduce the valley tennis courts.

- 1) Pickleball, tennis and basketball need separate facilities. The needs for each sport are very different and are not compatible in a mixed environment.
- 2) Tennis needs to retain 2 courts in the valley. Tennis has a growing youth tennis population and many adult community members that do not have private Alaska Club memberships. Support pickleball but not at the expense of tennis.
- 3) Tennis use is under-represented. People avoid the public courts when large groups are playing pickleball. Tennis players are not willing to ask a large ongoing group of pickleball players to vacate the court after an hour.
- 4) The new configuration change is to completely overlay one tennis court with a single basketball court. This further reduces valley tennis courts from two dedicated courts to a single shared resource and will shift use conflicts between tennis and basketball.
- 5) Mixed use creates access and noise issues. The format of play for tennis and pickleball is very different. Tennis is a quiet sport played in small groups. Pickleball is played for hours with larger groups that play ongoing short rotations often with music. 1 hour court limits are not conducive to pickleball play.

Please reconsider your decision and look at alternative options to create equitable resources for tennis. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Mona Mametsuka