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Hello. Thank you, to the City Council Members for your time and commitment to our community. Thank you, also to the Parks and Rec Commissioners for meeting with us and supporting pickleball.

I had my first meeting with Donna Legge, then Director of Recreation, on February 7, 2020, to discuss bringing Pickleball to Los Altos. I repeat, February 7, **2020**. That is **2 years and 8 months ago**. We are still in discussion --- without any action.

I have lived here for 27 years. My children attended Loyola, Blach and graduated from Mountain View High School. I've been an active school volunteer, art docent, marching band volunteer, robotics team volunteer and community mediator. This is my home.

My pickleball home, however, is in Palo Alto. I wish it was in Los Altos. I travel to play Pickleball to Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Foster City, Sunnyvale and San Jose. In fact, Los Altos is the ONLY – the **ONLY** ---city in the area without public pickleball courts.

Pickleball is unlike any other sport I've participated in (and I was an active tennis player for 30 years). It is a community builder. And my goal in bringing pickleball to Los Altos is to foster community building.

If you build it, they will come. Without a doubt, pickleball's popularity -- With kids from 8 – 88 years old is skyrocketing. It is easy to learn and players are quick to become addicted. No expensive equipment required. A basic paddle and you are in. ...

The game and community grows by establishing a critical mass of players. Players must know with certainty that they can arrive at the courts and find games. Palo Alto's 15 courts are full, from 7:30 in the morning.. until 2:30 in the afternoon... And then the evening games begin around 4:00.

We hope to establish the same vibrant, dynamic community in Los Altos. The players and the demand already exist. We just need to paint some lines on existing tennis courts. At McKenzie Park (where there are currently 2 tennis courts) 6 pickleball courts can be stripped. We have agreed with Parks and Rec and the Tennis Community a method to share the courts on alternate days. A vendor that stripes courts across California has been engaged.

At long last, May 18th was set as the day to paint the pickleball courts. Yet, somehow, we have encountered more delays. We were promised that we would have pickleball in the spring. More delays and no concrete time-line for when we will get pickleball in our community.

I urge City Council to help and establish 6 pickleball courts at McKenzie Park.

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After attending many council meetings over past 6+ years, I would like to offer some suggestions that would help your ratings with the Los Altos people.

One of the many purposes of city council meetings is to inform residents of Los Altos and give them an opportunity to provide input on matters that will affect them. Unfortunately, your meetings for years, are far too long and consistently go late into the evening and even past midnight. This makes it impossible for people to participate in the meetings because people have to work during the day, take care of family members, and have many responsibilities. The length and lateness of the meetings prevents the city council from getting important input from residents and is not consistent with the spirit of the Brown Act. Short concise meetings would promote public participation. Meetings that go past midnight do the opposite. I have raised this issue with the previous council.

The time frame of 2-4 hours is usually long enough for the posted agenda. Perhaps, one of the reasons the meetings seem to run long is that some of you do not prepare for the meeting in advance and use meeting time to familiarize yourself with the subject matter. Many of the questions asked on each agenda item, could be answered by talking to staff or the developer prior to the meeting. Mundane questions could easily be answered by staff and should not be asked in a city council meeting. A recent example is a question, by a council member, about whether a modular building could have varying elevations. Anyone familiar with planning or building would know that a modular cannot have 2 elevations due to physics.

I respectfully urge you to shorten city council meetings so they end at a reasonable hour. In addition, I suggest that you take the time to review your agenda items in detail prior to the meeting, and get all your questions answered to respect the Los Altos people.

thank you, Terri Couture

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