

Laurel Prevetti

From: Mary Badame
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Richard Li
Cc: Laurel Prevetti
Subject: Re: Artificial Turf in the City of Los Gatos

Dear Richard,

Thank you for reaching out.
I have forwarded your concerns to our Town Manager for consideration.

As a newly appointed Mayor, my schedule is very busy for the next few weeks.

Kind Regards,
Mary
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From: Richard Li [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Mary Badame <MBadame@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Artificial Turf in the City of Los Gatos

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Mayor Mary Badame,

We hope you enjoyed the holidays. We are Aiden Chen and Richard Li, juniors representing Saratoga High School's Environmental Action Club. We would like to schedule a meeting with you to discuss the possibility of your city passing a ban on artificial turf.

We are sure that you are aware of the harms of artificial turf already, but if you are not, here is a quick rundown:

Artificial turf has innumerable issues, including toxic chemicals, environmental harm, and severe heat. Artificial turf also contains PFAs—a family of synthetic “forever chemicals” that are known to cause issues such as cancer, organ damage, and autoimmune disease—coating every blade of plastic grass. Thousands of tons of these blades shed from artificial turf fields every year, polluting waterways and spreading the breadth of PFAs exposure. Artificial turf is also prone to trapping excessive heat, reaching up to 160 degrees fahrenheit in warm weather whereas grass barely exceeds 80 in identical conditions.

For more information, check out our fact sheet: [Fact Sheet](#)

With the passage of [SB676](#), a new bill introduced in the 2023 California legislative season returning the power to ban artificial turf on private properties to city councils.

We would like to schedule a meeting over Zoom on any of the following times in January. The meeting will not exceed one hour:

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- Saturday: 12:30pm to 6pm
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- Monday to Thursday: 6pm, 7:30pm, 8pm
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We may have a few other members or mentors attending the meeting with us to make sure any questions you may have can be answered.

Thank you for your time. We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Environmental Action Club