



*City of Needles*

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November 2, 2023

Dyrell Jones  
1217 Lillyhill Drive  
Needles Ca, 92363

Re: Complaint Against Coach Parks and Recreation Commission Hearing

Dear Coach Jones:

On October 27, 2023, the City had informed you that there was a complaint filed against you regarding the incident that occurred on October 19, 2023.

As per our established protocol, the City of Needles takes any complaint against a youth sports coach very seriously. We believe in transparency, accountability, and fairness, and this process is designed to uphold these values. The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for addressing such matters.

On November 1, 2023, I was notified by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department that the incident was referred to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office and is pending review. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be inviting you to attend a meeting once a determination is made by the DA's Office.

Until the hearing is conducted, you will be placed on temporary suspension. This temporary suspension will remain in effect until the Parks and Recreation Commission reaches a decision and communicates their findings.

We understand the importance of a fair and impartial inquiry and are committed to ensuring that the process is conducted with utmost transparency and fairness.

You will receive a formal notice with further details regarding the date and time of the hearing, at which you can present your case. Please be prepared to participate actively in this process.

We appreciate your understanding of the situation and your cooperation as we work through this matter. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jennifer Valenzuela at [jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com](mailto:jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com) or by phone 760-326-2814. We remain dedicated to the principles of fairness and justice in all our proceedings.

Sincerely,

*Patrick J. Martinez*  
Patrick Martinez  
City Manager, City of Needles