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To:zacq@cityofgrassvalley.com

Hello Zac,

I have been playing tennis in Nevada County for 35 years, mostly out of Memorial Park, but also Ridge Racquet Club, South Yuba Club and all the other parks around the county. In the early 90's I won many singles and doubles titles in the Memorial Day Tennis Classic tennis tournament that was put on for years in the county. My point being that I am a long time part of, and know the Nevada County tennis community extremely well.

Regarding the Baseline Tennis Club that is attempting to secure guaranteed court time for themselves, I would like to make a few points as to why the majority of the tennis community is against this:

1) Although no one in the community has ever heard of the Club, as they and their bylaws were just recently created in order to look legitimate to the city, we do know who this group of people are, and have seen them playing on the courts. They are a group of about 10 (maybe a few more) beginner level tennis players. Not only do they not have the resources or knowledge to "promote" tennis, they certainly do not have the skill level to teach tennis. If you look at any reputable tennis club in the United States (whether it be at a private club, or a park), you will see that clinics and lessons are given by USPTA certified instructors, of which this club does not have.

2) Tennis is not played like Pickleball and should not be compared to pickleball. Pickleball is an easy game to learn and matches last around 15 minutes. People rotate in and out around the courts in a "round robin" fashion. It is easy for players of different levels to play together. In tennis, you play singles with one other person, or doubles with 3 other people of your same level and there is no rotating in and out. Because of this, most of us would be excluded from this group simply by the fact that they are not a compatible match up in either their level of play or in the manner in which they want to play. Being in that we are excluded from this group for those reasons, now they would be getting an unfair advantage in that they get guaranteed, reserved court time and the rest us don't.

3) Public courts have always operated on a first come, first serve basis with 60 minutes for singles, 90 minutes for doubles. This is how it has been done without conflict in our public parks since the tennis courts were built. I, for one, will not yield a court to them until after I've played my 60 or 90 minutes. If they have exceeded their 90 minutes, I will let them know they need to relinquish the court. Everyone else I have spoken to feels the same way. So now that this conflict has been created, are we going to start calling Law Enforcement intervention for tennis courts??…I can certainly see many verbal arguments on the horizon.

In summary, it is not fair to grant this SMALL group of specific friends special privilages to grab the court time they want during peak playing hours because they've put together a pretty package for the city promoting a fake tennis club that they made up. If they want to be able to reserve court time, they should join a private club such as Ridge Racquet Club or South Yuba Club.

We will be putting together a petition and obtaining signatures to show the city exactly how much of the tennis community is against this.

Thank you for reading and considering all of the above points.

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