



City of South Pasadena Community Services Department

Memo

Date: November 10, 2025

To: Community Services Commission

Via: Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director

From: Melissa Snyder, Community Services Deputy Director

Additional Document for the November 10, 2025 Community Services Commission Regular Meeting

Attached to this memo is a public comment for your review in advance of today's committee meeting.

We appreciate your time in reviewing these materials and your continued commitment to transparent and thoughtful decision-making. As always, we welcome public participation and value the input of our community in shaping our events and initiatives.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your dedication and service to our community.

Attachment:

1. Item No. 4 – Written Public Comment

From: [Lucy Hakobian](#)
To: [Jack Cheng](#)
Cc: [Melissa Snyder](#)
Subject: Re: Written Comment for South Pasadena Community Services Commission Meeting (Nov. 10, 2025)
Date: Sunday, November 9, 2025 3:40:54 PM

Hello Mr. Cheng,

Thank you for providing us with the public comment, we will be sure to provide a copy of this to the Community Services Commission. We appreciate your time.

Lucy

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From: Jack Cheng
Sent: Sunday, November 9, 2025 11:35 AM
To: Lucy Hakobian <lhakobian@southpasadenaca.gov>
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Good morning Ms. Hakobian, Community Services Director,

I hope you are having a wonderful start to this new week. For the purpose of today's meeting, I would like to point out that pickleball and tennis are two very different types of physical sports despite the similarities in their outward appearance. Tennis requires participants to sprint, dash, and shuffle on the court; while pickleball players mainly stand in the same position for the duration of the game. The running element in tennis makes it an aerobic sport, but pickleball is an anaerobic activity. Aerobic sports improve cardiovascular health because participants require oxygen as the primary energy source to sustain the physical activity. In contrast, anaerobic sports builds muscle mass and strength because participants use glycogen stored in the muscles and do not require oxygen. Therefore, athletes in tennis and pickleball target completely distinct physiological systems and fitness goals.

Currently residents in South Pasadena can only find less than a handful of public tennis courts at Garfield Park and Orange Grove Park. The ratio of the number of available tennis courts to the number of tennis players in our City is appalling. Tax-paying residents have always had to go to other cities and parks to play tennis. For the reasons stated above, tennis players do not receive the same intensity in their workout or meet their fitness regimen when tennis courts are converted into pickleball courts. Like the habitats of endangered species facing extinction today, tennis players continue to find their dwindling courts being removed and demolished. Tennis players

have found themselves on the defensive end trying to avert a wave of pickleball players encroaching upon their ever-receding habitat.

Please take my reasonable and sincere input into consideration. Ask the City Council to break ground to install new pickleball courts instead of taking away existing tennis courts and converting them into something else. Also, resist for-profit vendors (i.e. iTennis and other exploitive businesses) from capitalizing our scarce tennis courts when they dominate court time during peak hours thus preventing tax-paying residents from using the courts. Thank you for reading my thoughts regarding this important issue!

Working together,

Jack Cheng