

**From:** [john hsu](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against converting tennis courts to pickleball courts  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 10:15:20 AM

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Hi Dana, Beverly, and the Parks & Rec team,

I've been a San Francisco resident for 12 years and have enjoyed having access to the public tennis courts across the city. I saw there was a community meeting on 11/6 to discuss the possibility of converting the Stern Grove tennis courts to pickleball courts. I can't attend that meeting in person so I wanted to share a quick note with you via email.

I support the creation of new pickleball courts, but not at the expense of converting existing tennis courts. While I know there is a need for more pickleball courts, it feels like we also have a need for more tennis courts. There is often a wait to access existing tennis courts, so reducing the total number of tennis courts in SF would have a negative impact on all tennis players. I really hope there is a collaborative process that can be taken where the tennis, pickleball, and Parks & Recs stakeholders and work on a comprehensive long-term plan to ensure there are the optimal amounts of tennis and pickleball courts available. If we go down the road of one-off discussions about converting existing tennis courts, I worry that we'll end up in a future situation we regret and create a lot of tension between the pickleball and tennis communities.

Thanks for receiving my input, and best of luck as you work to navigate the needs of multiple communities. You're doing important work!

If I can provide any more information or be helpful, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,  
John Hsu

**From:** [Chris Baird](#)  
**To:** [Summers, Ashley \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [dana.ketchum@sfgov.org](mailto:dana.ketchum@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** Community meeting this Wednesday regarding pickle ball courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 4:42:31 PM

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- I,
- 1 Oppose converting tennis courts to pickleball courts**
  - 2 Seek a collaborative process with SF Rec & Parks and the Pickleball community to develop a long term plan for outdoor racquet sports in SF**
  - 3 Oppose ad hoc, one-by-one decisions**
  - 4 Believe that outdoor racquet sports can and should work together for the common good**

**Thank you,  
Chris Baird**

**From:** [jana.klein](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\); Ng, Beverly \(REC\); dana.ketcham@sffoc.org](#)  
**Subject:** Conversion of Tennis to PB  
**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2022 8:49:43 AM

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Hello all

I am a local HS tennis coach and also play on adult leagues . I also play PB but tennis more often.

The pillaging of the tennis courts without a greater plan needs to end IMO. The tennis youth have lost many many courts over the last 3-4 years including private options like 12 outdoor courts at SFTC Bay club. It's is very very difficult for parents to get kids into classes at Goldman , I have parents contacting me weekly , begging for lessons , I send everyone to Goldman and they call me back that they cannot get in.

The courts at stern grove are packed full of tennis .

Converting tennis is not the solution, building dedicated PB is. That said, I am old enough to remember the paddle board and paddle tennis fads and the clubs etc who built those facilities and they faded out . Regardless , doing these ad hoc one offs is not a good planning solution. It's also causing community tension.

PB is a very Loud and aggressive group and I think rec and park might be a little "taken " by these tactics? It's easy to be intimidated by this group. I am sort of stepped back and disassociated while still enjoying the sport , both sports . As you know OC ended their beta early . The noise level is untenable and I think rec and park is going to open themselves to housing liability issues due to noise nuisance . In our neighborhood , the HOA I Has been threatened with a law suit from homeowners near our courts as PB group wants to move in there and they think their property value will decrease. These are NON tennis players opposed to PB due to noise . It's pitted neighbor against neighbor

Please plan, please add PB don't pillage tennis courts — they are already on the decline . This is impacting youth tennis players tremendously. Please be aware that the noise can impact homes and people quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Thank you

Jana Klein  
Sent by my iPhone so please pardon the brevity/typos

**From:**  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Dept of Recreation and Parks  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 9:03:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [Dept of Recreation and Parks.pdf](#)

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Dear Honored Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

Please do not take away tennis courts from the city anymore. I like to play Pickleball for fun as well and I appreciated the simplicity of the sport that is easy for people at any age to pick up the sport easily. It's probably the most versatile sport and you can convert any empty space into a pickleball court at any time. But it is not possible for tennis court as it takes a lot more effort to build a court. Please be kind to us, all the tennis players in San Francisco, and help preserve our sport and courts by converting the Stern Grove courts to hybrid tennis/pickleball courts. Give our young and talented tennis players sufficient courts to continue to excel at the sport.

Many thanks, Yvonne Chan

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"Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind."

**From:** [Adrienne M. Ladd](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** I stand with Tennis Coalition SF  
**Date:** Monday, October 24, 2022 4:35:36 PM

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I stand with the Tennis Coalition SF to:

1. **Oppose converting tennis courts to pickleball courts**
2. **Seek a collaborative process with SF Rec & Parks and the Pickleball community to develop a long term plan for outdoor racquet sports in SF (as a player of both pickleball and tennis, this is reasonable and preferable)**
3. **Oppose ad hoc, one-by-one decisions (the Pickleball community wouldn't want the tennis community to do this)**
4. **Believe that outdoor racquet sports can and should work together for the common good (we are already doing this and should continue to work together)**

Thank you!

Adrienne Morphy Ladd

Cell:

**From:** [Jason J Kong](#)  
**To:** [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support tennis courts at Stern Grove Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 7:33:04 PM

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Hello,

I am a lifelong tennis player who's had the pleasure of playing the sport for the last 20+ years. For the last 10 years, I've had the pleasure of playing tennis in San Francisco. Tennis has been a big part of my life, and I've met and maintained many friends that way. I've also had the pleasure of playing tennis at Stern Grove.

During the pandemic, I can confidently say that tennis exploded in popularity. Courts were full because many people either started picking up a racket for the first time or came back to the beautiful sport.

Here are the points I'd like to make:

- Tennis courts today are hard to reserve and are often all reserved within minutes of any reservation opening. Just trying to find a tennis court at a reasonable time has become a competitive sport in itself.
- Although tennis and pickleball seem to resemble each other, they are completely different sports and should be considered that way.
- Pickleball growth should *not* come at the expense of tennis. It should not be a zero sum game where tennis courts are converted to pickleball courts. Pickleball/tennis players aren't trying to convert soccer fields or basketball courts. They both deserve a place to grow without hurting the other.
- Pickleball can be played on tennis courts. Tennis CANNOT be played on pickleball courts.
- Pickleball grew from 18 courts in 2018 to 59 courts today. I believe the number of tennis courts in SF has actually shrunk in that time.

For the tennis (and pickleball) community's sake, please do not take away the tennis courts at Stern Grove. Let's not take tennis courts (that can also be used for pickleball) from the SF tennis community.

Best,

Jason J. Kong

**From:** [theresia treadway](#)  
**To:** [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Tennis at Stern Grove Courts  
**Date:** Friday, October 28, 2022 1:52:27 PM

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Hello Beverly, Dana And RecPark Commission

As an avid tennis player I want to preserve the tennis courts at Stern Grove. My 82 year old father-in-law played on the Stern Grove courts as a teenager when he lived on Ocean Avenue.

My father-in-law eventually became as fabulous college player at USF. He is still playing tennis today. Tennis is a lifetime sport.

When I lived near Twin Peaks during college, I frequented the Stern Grove tennis courts as well.

It would be a great disservice to all San Franciscans to limit the Stern Grove courts to Pickleball only. Although Pickleball is a trendy and growing sport what happens to the tennis courts when Pickleball is "out of style"? Installing permanent Pickleball courts is a big investment and miscalculation of future recreation forecasting.

Shared use courts would be a compromise to both groups although I feel the courts should remain TENNIS ONLY.

Parking in San Francisco is very limited and parking near Stern Grove is somewhat accessible. Stern Grove is also accessible by bike/bus.

Please consider preserving and saving the tennis courts at Stern Grove.

Mrs. Treadway

**From:** [Milton Chen](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [beverlyng@sfgov.org](mailto:beverlyng@sfgov.org); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Keep tennis at Stern Grove!  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 10:12:33 AM

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Please do everything you can to keep tennis at Stern Grove and find ways to have outdoor racquet sports work together to accommodate each other. Some of us actually like to play tennis and pickleball! Develop a long-term plan for racquet sports in SF, working with our racquet communities.

Sincerely, Milton Chen  
SF resident since 1987



**From:** [Karen Forsthoff](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Morris Levin](#)  
**Subject:** Keep tennis courts at Stern Grove  
**Date:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 11:00:18 AM

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Dear Rec& Parks staff;

My husband and I are writing to express our concern that tennis courts are being considered expendable and that pressure is being applied to turn tennis courts into pickle ball courts.

We love tennis and also play pickle ball.

We have been playing tennis for over 25 years. This sport changed our lives. Our health - both physical and mental - have improved and strengthened with participation in this sport. We have a strong sense of community wherever we go and a deep sense of belonging and social responsibility.

We have been sharing tennis courts with pickle ball players as the need has expanded. And often we have found pickle ball players impeding our ability to access tennis courts. Make shift pickle ball courts on tennis courts has been challenging and intrusive for tennis players.

The two sports have a lot in common and significant differences.

The energy of the games are different, the sounds made are very different, and court etiquette is extremely different.

We understand the need for pickle ball to have their own space and that we support. But not at the expense of tennis. Tennis has expanded and the sport will continue to expand. It is already very challenging to find and book open tennis courts.

We don't think replacing tennis courts for pickle ball courts is a fair and socially just decision. Pickle ball has special needs and we honor that. So let's all support the development of pickle ball centers rather than taking away from our already stretched tennis resources.

With warm regards,

Karen Forsthoff  
Morris Levin  
2129 15th Avenue  
SF, CA 94116

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Frederic Dean](#)  
To: [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
Subject: Keep Tennis  
Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 11:31:32 AM

# @thisguyfuchz



**Bart P. Fuchs IV**  
@ThisGuyFuchz

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Pickleball is like NFTs, it is being pumped by annoying people to an uninterested public



**Darren Rovell**  @darrenrovell · 5h

Name a sport hotter than pickleball.

You can't.

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Thanks,

Alex

**From:** [Liz Kao](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Stern Grove Tennis Courts!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 9:35:33 PM

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Hi Beverly, Dana, et al!

Please do not convert the courts at Stern Grove from tennis to pickleball!

I picked up tennis during the pandemic after a 35+ year hiatus, and have fallen in love with the sport! One huge contributor to this is being able to play tennis in so many of SF's public tennis courts - so many have beautiful views and are hidden gems.

I know the City continues to lose tennis courts at a time when our sport is growing.

Please consider alternatives to accommodate the pickleball besides taking needed tennis courts away! I can't show up at the public meeting this Thursday, but I'll be there in spirit to support San Francisco tennis.

Thanks,

Liz Kao  
San Francisco Resident

**From:** [Anna Karydas](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the tennis courts At Stern Grove!!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 1:54:41 PM

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PLEASE Keep the tennis courts at Stern Grove!

Anna

**From:** [Jack Lynch](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** KEEP THE TENNIS COURTS AT STERN GROVE  
**Date:** Sunday, October 23, 2022 10:52:53 PM

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Dear Rec and Park Commission,

Please don't take away the tennis courts at Stern Grove. It's hard enough as it is to find an open tennis court in the city. In addition, courts that are able to be booked online via Spotery are snatched up within minutes.

I used to play at Stern Grove when I could before the flood. Please restore them to what they were.

I don't understand why the pickleball community targets tennis courts. The sport can be played on any flat surface.

Jack Lynch  
San Francisco Resident

**From:** [Will Leonard](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Tennis Courts at Stern Grove  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 4:20:01 PM

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Please keep the tennis courts at Stern Grove. I oppose converting existing tennis courts to pickleball courts and hope that there can be a collaborative process with SF Park and Rec and the Pickleball community to work together to find space for both tennis and pickleball in San Francisco.

**From:** [Sada Chidambaram](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [beverley.ng@sfgov.org](mailto:beverley.ng@sfgov.org); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Make Public Park Racquet Sports "Inclusive" not "Exclusive" and Promote Socially Conducive & Friendly Atmosphere for the Community  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 4:17:25 PM

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Dear members of the SF Parks & Rec Commission,

I was disappointed to learn that the tennis courts and access are being randomly eroded by the recent aggressive drive by the emerging pickle ball community, without adequate opportunities for both communities to effectively voice their concerns and needs in a formal forum to progress towards a mutually satisfactory resolution.

I am in my late 70s and continue to play tennis at least 4 or 5 times a week- mostly on public courts. I am also a strong believer in giving back to the community – especially promoting tennis for kids and seniors, as well as underserved/at-risk communities: “kids who play sports, finish school!” - - providing a pathway to education and college.

1. As a member of the Palo Alto community, I worked with the City in improving facilities to promote tennis, thru community engagement, grants, etc.
2. As a member of the Palo Alto Tennis Club, we not only provided weekly/weekend tennis for the community but monthly junior tournaments for kids not only in Palo Alto, but for the greater SF Bay Area.
3. I have volunteered in 2 Olympics and this year we culminated the 2020 (2021) Tokyo Olympics with the finale, the Senior Games, for both tennis and pickle ball including other sports.
4. As members age and tennis becomes more challenging, we concur that Pickle Ball could very well provide the option for many tennis place to extend their passion for racquet sports and the camaraderie it provided.
5. The recent issue of the Tennis magazine dedicated the issue to promote the emergence of pickle ball. So, we tennis players



embrace new sports. We ARE inclusive.

We hope and trust that Parks and Rec. will use good judgment and not react hastily to the clamor of the newly emerging pickle ball communities to steamroll the City's tennis court and replace them with pickle ball courts and "dropping" the long-standing, faithful tennis players from their beloved parks' tennis courts?

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Sada Chidambaram

**From:** [Tennis Coalition SF via Change.org](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** New petition to you: Save the Tennis Courts at Stern Grove  
**Date:** Sunday, November 27, 2022 5:11:37 PM

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## San Francisco Rec and Park Commission: you've been listed as a decision maker

Tennis Coalition SF started a petition on Change.org and listed you as a decision maker. Learn more about Tennis Coalition SF's petition and how you can respond:



Tennis Coalition SF is petitioning San Francisco Rec and Park Commission (San Francisco Rec and Park Commission)

### Save the Tennis Courts at Stern Grove

San Francisco Recreation and Parks hosted a community meeting on November 3rd to discuss the future of the two tennis courts at Stern Grove. The courts, which were dual lined for tennis and pickleball play, were destroyed during a water...

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**From:** [Mary Anne Ruyle](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Martha Ehrenfeld](#); [Lilian Kim](#)  
**Subject:** No more tennis courts to Pickleball  
**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2022 6:25:23 AM

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We spent 100 years putting our tennis infrastructure in place. It's now time for Pickleball to do the same for themselves without infringing on our sport that continues to *dramatically* increase its own interest.

The Tennis Coalition has its finger firmly on the pulse of the SF Tennis Community and I fully support their approach outlined below:

1. **Opposes converting tennis courts to pickleball courts**
2. **Seeks a collaborative process with SF Rec & Parks and the Pickleball community to develop a long term plan for outdoor racquet sports in SF**
3. **Opposes ad hoc, one-by-one decisions**
4. **Believes that outdoor racquet sports can and should work together for the common good**

Mary Anne Ruyle  
435 29th St  
SF home owner and resident for 40 years

**From:** [Daryl Chin](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 12:14:31 PM

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November 2, 2022

Dear Honored Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

As a tennis player, I would like to offer an alternative to the full and permanent conversion of the Stern Grove Tennis Courts to pickleball courts.

Please be reminded that the San Franciscans For Sports and Receptions donated **\$108,000.00** to resurface those courts only to have the courts flooded by a water main failure. Currently, it is my understanding that FPUC is responsible for the cost to resurface those courts. I would not want this money to be used for anything other than what it was originally intended for.

I do not oppose the addition of pickleball striping to the tennis courts, but would like to see them resurfaced as hybrid tennis/pickleball courts.

If the popularity of pickleball grows more in the future, then it would be incumbent upon the pickleball community to find land that would be solely dedicated to their game, just as there are dedicated golf courses, dedicated tennis courts, dedicated swimming pools and dedicated basketball courts.

The Recreation and Parks Department must provide a master plan which addresses the needs for space for all

sports in San Francisco rather than doing piecemeal conversions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Daryl Chin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Susan Cronholm](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Conversion  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:58:42 PM

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Dear Honored Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

As a tennis player, I would like to offer an alternative to the full and permanent conversion of the Stern Grove Tennis Courts to pickleball courts.

Please be reminded that the San Franciscans For Sports and Receptions donated **\$108,000.00** to resurface those courts only to have the courts flooded by a water main failure. Currently, it is my understanding that FPUC is responsible for the cost to resurface those courts. I would not want this money to be used for anything other than what it was originally intended for.

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The Recreation and Parks Department must provide a master plan which addresses the needs for space for all sports in San Francisco rather than doing piecemeal conversions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Cronholm

**From:** [Susan Alexander](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball conversions  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 2:26:08 PM

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I stand with the SF Tennis Coalition and oppose the conversion of the Stern Grove tennis courts to pickleball courts.

I oppose converting tennis courts to pickleball courts in the absence of a comprehensive plan.

I support a collaborative process with SF Rec & Parks and the pickleball community to develop a long-term plan for outdoor racquet sports in SF.

I oppose ad hoc, one-by-one decisions on such conversions.

I believe that outdoor racquet sports can and should work together for the common good.

Yours truly,  
Susan Alexander



**From:** [Pam Dubier](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\); Betty Louie Louie](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball Court Conversion at Stern Grove  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 12:36:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [Dept of Recreation and Parks.pdf](#)

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**From:** [Barbara Zieroth-Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** pickleball courts at Stern Grove etc  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022 12:30:00 PM

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Hello,

Please do not remove the Stern Grove tennis courts and make them into permanent pickleball courts. It is true there has been a surge in popularity of pickleball but such enthusiasm should not usurp accessibility of tennis courts from equally passionate tennis players. The game of tennis has been around since the late 1800's and has remained a very popular sport for young and old San Franciscans. A possible solution at Stern Grove tennis courts is the addition of pickleball lines along with priority days/times for tennis or pickleball. It should not be an either or situation.

Also, please put a pause in the rush to placate the fervent new voices of pickleball players by turning other tennis courts permanently into pickleball courts. There is room for both sports and they are equally important for exercise and enjoyment.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Best,  
Barbara

**From:** [DAVID MAGNUSSON](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts from Tennis courts!  
**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2022 1:08:44 PM

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Dear Rec and Park,

Firstly, let me say how much I appreciate the work our Rec & Park dept. and the care that you take on the maintenance of our valuable parks.

As for taking away tennis courts to make more picklball courts, **absolutely not!!** It's hard enough to get a court much less take them away. I understand that picklball is growing, but so is the city. Surely there are some available spaces around the city in which to build additional pickle ball courts if they're needed. Perhaps next to a current tennis court. Some space carved out in larger parks?

I stand with the SF Tennis Coalition and oppose the conversion of the Stern Grove tennis courts to pickleball courts.

Respectfully,

David Magnusson  
San Franciscan

**From:** [Ben Fong-Torres](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:52:01 AM

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## **Dept of Recreation and Parks**

### **Recreation and Parks Commission**

*To the Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,*

As a tennis fan and a supporter of Stern Grove, I would like to see an alternative to the full and permanent conversion of the tennis courts there to pickleball courts.

The San Franciscans for Sports and Receptions donated \$108,000 to resurface those courts, only to have the courts flooded by a water main failure. It is my understanding that the SFPUC is responsible for the cost to resurface those courts. I would not want this money to be used for anything else.

I do not oppose the addition of pickleball striping to the tennis courts, but would like to see them resurfaced as hybrid tennis/pickleball courts.

If the popularity of pickleball continues to grow, then the pickleball community should find land that would be solely dedicated to their game, just as there are dedicated golf courses, swimming pools and basketball courts.

The Recreation and Parks Department should provide a master plan that addresses the needs for space for all sports in San Francisco rather than doing piecemeal conversions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

*Ben Fong-Torres*

*San Francisco*

**From:** [Marcie Wollesen](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Pickleball vs Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 10:35:17 AM

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I oppose converting tennis courts to pickle ball courts. Please work to see that they remain. There should be room for both.

Thank you,

Marcie Wollesen

**From:** [Chase Starr](#)  
**To:** [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not convert tennis courts to pickleball  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 12:20:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [tennis-reservation-state-on-nov-2.xlsx](#)

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Hello,

Please do not convert tennis court space to pickleball. The demand for open tennis courts is strong and reducing supply of one sport is no way to increase supply for another. Are there solutions that can grow the total court supply for both sports? Can the city build new dedicated courts for pickleball? From what I recall, pickleball already has dedicated time at Parkside on the weekends. Will this be converted back to tennis if Stern Grove is converted to pickleball?

On average, how many minutes elapse between court reservation starts and is 90% booked? How does this number change if outliers like McLaren Park courts are excluded? Based on my personal experience, I need to set an alarm at 7:55/11:55 to open up spotery and race to reserve a spot I want. Any glitch with my computer will sacrifice my ability to reserve for that day. After 5 minutes many courts are fully booked or have the first/last slots available. Reducing the number of tennis courts does not help this challenge.

I see no indicators that tennis courts are underutilized. In fact, I reviewed court utilization for this upcoming weekend and found that the courts are roughly 90% booked. The majority of unbooked courts have a timeslot that will overlap sunset. If those slots are excluded, utilization is closer to 94%. Please review the attached spreadsheet. I've [seen statistics](#) that show that courts are mostly utilized above 80%. How do these numbers change if reservation slots overlapping sunset times are excluded? How about if only weekends are reviewed? Please publish comprehensive stats on utilization before making this decision.

Thank You

**From:** [linda and jeff](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please do NOT REPLACE the stern grove tennis courts with dedicated pickleball courts  
**Date:** Friday, November 4, 2022 12:09:45 PM

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Dept of Recreation and Parks  
Recreation and Parks Commission  
Via email: [recpark.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:recpark.commission@sfgov.org)

November 3, 2022

Dear Honored Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

I don't agree that conversion of tennis courts permanently to pickle ball courts is correct.

1. This should not be a "zero sum" game, where one sport "wins" because the other sport "loses".
2. I do play both sports currently. Many of my current tennis playing friends do not play pickle ball and do not intend to switch completely from tennis to pickleball in the near future.
3. I do not intend to play tennis any less than i did before since taking up pickle ball. I have completely different friends and contacts who play pickle ball

As BOTH a tennis player and pickle ball player, I would like to offer an alternative to the full and permanent conversion of the Stern Grove Tennis Courts to pickleball courts.

(Please be reminded that the San Franciscans For Sports and Receptions donated \$108,000.00 to resurface those courts only to have the courts flooded by a water main failure. Currently, it is my understanding that FPUC is responsible for the cost to resurface those courts. I would not want this money to be used for anything other than what it was originally intended for.)

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If the popularity of pickleball grows more in the future, then it would be incumbent upon

the pickleball community to find land that would be solely dedicated to their game, just as there are dedicated golf courses, dedicated tennis courts, dedicated swimming pools and dedicated basketball courts.

The Recreation and Parks Department must provide a master plan which addresses the needs for space for all sports in San Francisco rather than doing piecemeal conversions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey fong

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)



**From:** [Anthony Desbien](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** please don't take away our tennis courts  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 9:29:19 AM

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Hello,  
Please leave the stern grove courts as they are. We love them and use them.

Tony

**From:** [Katherine McDonald](#)  
**To:** [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please save our tennis courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022 4:25:31 PM

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Dear Dana, Beverly and members of the SF Recreation & Park Commission:

Please take another minute to understand the need to retain our Stern Grove tennis courts. The debate should not be as SF gate stated a “face-off” between tennis and pickleball players, but a way to integrate both as many of us play BOTH sports. Let’s change the rhetoric to a call for more pickleball courts on empty playgrounds or vacant land around San Francisco. Pickleball doesn’t require as much space as tennis. As an example, Joe DiMaggio Playground could easily integrate two to four pickleball courts in the vast open space.

<https://www.sfgate.com/local/article/sf-tennis-and-pickleball-players-face-off-17565109.php?IPID=SFGate-HP-Latest-News>

While our numbers perhaps didn’t match those of the pickleball community last Thursday, we have been fighting for years to add or at least preserve tennis courts in our beloved city. We were instrumental in the renovation project at Golden Gate Park. I personally attended numerous fundraisers and contributed financially to ensure the tennis courts we love are available for my children, their friends and future generations.

Please vote to look for new options for pickleball courts and not to eliminate tennis court but create shared space to accommodate both sports.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

All the best,

Katherine Kemiji-McDonald

Brent McDonald

Maria Kemiji-McDonald

Stelios McDonald

**From:** [Forrest Rice](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Preserving Stern Grove (and other) Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 4:29:20 PM

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Hello SF Parks!

As an active amateur tennis player I was saddened to hear that pickleball players are advocating for full conversion of courts at Stern Grove and elsewhere in the city. I appreciate that pickleball is gaining in popularity, and I know the players are very vocal in their support. However, tennis courts in San Francisco are already in very high demand. I play at parks all over the city (at least 15 different courts this year) and I frequently have to wait in line or rush to book them online. I know you have a difficult job and will not be able to please everyone, but I hope we can keep tennis courts open while finding ways for pickleball players to play too!

Best,  
Forrest Rice  
272 Sanchez St, San Francisco, CA 94114

**From:** [Elizabeth L](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** proposed pickleball courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 4:21:13 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am vehemently opposed to converting more tennis courts to pickleball courts. It is almost impossible to play tennis at the Presidio wall now, because pickleball has taken over that area. There has been a 500% increase in pickleball courts in the city over the past four years, while access to tennis courts has diminished in that time. Please do not convert any more tennis courts to pickleball courts.

Thank you for your time,  
Elizabeth B. Loomis

**From:** [Richard Hsiung](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Protect Stern Grove tennis courts.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5:44:10 PM

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Hello Park and Recreation representative,

We are tennis fanatics my family and I love to play tennis, we usually play on the weekends. However, with limited tennis courts in the city, it has been increasingly difficult to sign up and reserve a court. With the pandemic, there has been a surge of people playing tennis since this sport abides with Covid rules. There were a number of tennis coaches starting to teach tennis and not sure if they have the credentials or permit to coach. Its very frustrating when we try to book a court. They are booked up as soon as they are available online. Weekends are the worse. Now that pickle ball is getting popular, they occupy tennis courts for hours with huge entourage. We are just competing to find a court and some raise their frustration with each other. Some people would play for hours with no regards for others.

Pickle ball is a sport that can be played on a basketball court or any small flat area. All they need is a portable net and draw lines with tape.

We ask that you NOT take away the tennis courts and NOT convert them to pickle ball courts.

Sincerely,  
Richard (avid tennis player)

**From:** [Good Ship DIY"S](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public tennis courts in SF  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 9:26:11 PM

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Hello,

I am writing this email to express my thoughts on the pickleball courts taking over the tennis courts. Us as tennis players, want pickleball to be separate, and not interfere, with tennis. In addition, the tennis courts are often all booked which makes it even more difficult for us tennis players to find a spot to play. If there is the money to build or convert new pickleball courts, there should also be money to build more tennis courts. Therefore, I believe there should be more tennis courts being built in order to keep up with demand. Once again, pickleball should not interfere with tennis, and there should instead be more tennis courts being built.

Sincerely,  
Shaolan Li

**From:** [Humberto Diaz](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 10/20/22 Rec and Park Commission Agenda  
**Date:** Friday, October 14, 2022 6:35:48 PM

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Tennis courts...

Humberto Diaz

On Fri, Oct 14, 2022, 3:19 PM Commission, Recpark (REC)  
<[recpark.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:recpark.commission@sfgov.org)> wrote:

Please find attached the Recreation and Park Commission agenda for Thursday, October 20, 2022.

**Ashley Summers**

**Commission Liaison**

San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission

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**From:** [Neej Gore](#)  
**To:** [Avery, Jack \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pickleball in SF Parks  
**Date:** Sunday, November 6, 2022 12:07:12 PM

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Hi - A few of the pickleball players/ organizers at Presidio Wall are so rude! We still had 5 minutes of tennis left and they barged the court brought bikes on and one of the told me “time to go back to my family.”

The situation REC has created up here is unbearable for tennis players. These are tennis courts — find them alternate places to play dedicated pickle.

On Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 10:34 AM Avery, Jack (REC) <[jack.avery@sfgov.org](mailto:jack.avery@sfgov.org)> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out to SF Rec and Park. The Department appreciates your feedback and is tracking responses to understand the community’s interest. To learn more about pickleball and updates, please visit our [website](#).

*NOTE: There will be a community meeting regarding Stern Grove Courts and pickleball proposals on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the County Fair Building – Auditorium (1199 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue @ Lincoln Way). To learn more please visit <https://sfrecpark.org/1584/Pickleball>.*

Thank you for enjoying our parks,

SF Rec and Park



**From:** [Kathy Emery](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Lilian Kim](#); [Martha Ehrenfeld](#)  
**Subject:** RE: stern grove tennis courts v pickle ball  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022 3:20:15 PM

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Dear DPR Commissioners, Beverly and Dana,

I am writing to ask you to **support the SF Tennis Coalition's position on the Stern Grove tennis court restoration.**

I have been playing tennis on the public courts in San Francisco since 1993. As a retired teacher, I have appreciated the accessibility of free public courts as I cannot afford to join a tennis club. Since I have been playing tennis in SF and especially during the last three years, I have noticed that it has begun to be increasingly difficult to get access to the public tennis courts. They are more popular than ever!!!! White I am not a pickle-ball player (YET!), I would very much appreciate it if the pickle ball players work in coalition with tennis players to ensure that any decisions made about specific courts be made with a big picture in mind, a big picture developed collaboratively. When all voices are at the table, solutions can be arrived at that avoids painful conflicts in the future.

It seems beyond reasonable to operate according to the following principles:

1. **DO NOT** convert tennis courts to pickleball courts
2. **Develop a collaborative process that includes the SF Tennis Coalition, SF Rec & Parks and the Pickleball community to develop a long term plan for outdoor racquet sports in SF**
3. **DO NOT** make ad hoc, one-by-one decisions
4. **Outdoor racquet sports can and should work together for the common good**

Thank you for your consideration of my position.

Kathy Emery  
4828 19th street, SF CA 94114

**From:** [Lai, Jennifer](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Stern Grove tennis courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 7:30:12 PM

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Dear Rec and Park Commission,

I am having a hard time getting a tennis court these days. The time slots that I try to book on Spotery and at the Goldman Tennis Center are booked quickly, and when I try to get a walk-on court anywhere, they are often taken. Which is why I'm opposed to the conversion of the tennis courts at Stern Grove into permanent, dedicated pickleball courts. I understand their desire for a place to call their own, but it should not come at the expense of tennis players, who are struggling to find places to play.

I believe Rec and Parks should find a flat surface somewhere else, that's not a tennis court, for permanent, dedicated pickleball courts.

Thank you,

Jennifer C. Lai  
Hepatology/Liver Transplant  
University of California, San Francisco  
Clinic: (  
Academic office:

**From:** [michael chan](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Save Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 11:23:21 AM

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Wanted to express concern about converting Stern Grove Tennis Courts to permanent Pickleball Courts. As an avid tennis player and coach, the demand for tennis courts is still large as reservations are gone in a minute. Wonder if there are other options such as vacant locations that could be developed for Pickleball Courts (e.g, the vacant Polo Fields Horse Stables in Golden Gate Park)?

Thanks,

Michael Chan

**From:** [C. Victoria Simonds](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Save Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 4:38:42 PM

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN/SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT:**

I am writing to express my significant concerns about the recent effort by the pickleball community to have SF Rec and Parks convert the existing tennis courts at Stern Grove to exclusive pickleball use.

I am a San Francisco resident that has been playing tennis in the city for 20 years. I contributed to the construction of the Goldman Tennis Center (GTC) in the interest of improving the quality of the facility in the Park and adding to its functionality as a gathering and educational center for our larger community. I am thrilled with how it has turned out and how popular and well-used it is as a tennis and pickleball facility. I play tennis at GTC and at other public courts around the city.

My concerns about the Stern Grove tennis court conversion are as follows:

- 1) Tennis is a sport growing around the country, generally, and in San Francisco, specifically. *See photo of chart enclosed*, showing the growth of tennis vs. other racquet sports from 2015 through 2021. While pickleball showed impressive growth, tennis growth exploded from 18 million to 22.5 million participants. The demand is only growing.
- 2) Reserving a tennis court is extremely challenging, requiring that I set my phone alarm 8 days ahead to be in a position to secure a court for a desired time to play with friends.
- 3) Fewer tennis courts in San Francisco is not the answer to the desire for more pickleball courts.
- 4) In 2018, there were only twelve courts to play pickleball in the city. Today, there are 59. That's almost a 500 percent increase in four years—leaps and bounds above any other sport. While access for pickleball players has expanded, access for tennis players has lessened. The San Francisco Tennis Club in SoMa closed, making municipal courts critical.
- 5) San Francisco could use more pickleball courts, but it should be accomplished through a more thorough review of available sites (not on a one-by-one basis, focusing on existing tennis courts) and a planning process to achieve a better result.
- 6) The pickleball community should support the planning and development process

by fund raising for their own facilities, instead of riding on the backs of the long term efforts of the tennis community.

I do not oppose the establishment of additional pickleball courts in San Francisco, but I DO oppose doing so in a haphazard, unplanned fashion, without the fundraising efforts of the pickleball community to support their goals and resulting in the elimination of existing tennis courts.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Simonds

**From:** [Susan Vollmer](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Save tennis courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 17, 2022 8:36:13 AM

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Dear Ms. Ketchum,

I would like to add my voice to my fellow tennis players in San Francisco. Our community has fought hard to preserve and maintain existing courts. The recent popularity of Pickleball is a wonderful addition to our recreation options. However, there is no need to take over Tennis facilities. Pickleball needs to find their own funding and resources.

Thank you for your time,  
Susan Vollmer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Calvin](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Courts Community Meeting Feedback  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 10:42:31 AM

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Hello Beverly, Dana, and the SF parks commission:

I question why the pickleball and tennis court situation in SF has to be a zero sum game. I have been a tennis player in SF since I moved here in 2020, and the public courts available honestly were a big part of my life during that period when all other forms of recreation were restricted. I played on the Stern Grove courts quite often, and shared the courts with pickleball players with little issue.

I have found it exceedingly difficult to book a court at Goldman tennis center, or Dolores park, or any one of the public courts on Spotery. It seems spots will be taken in a matter of minutes, if not seconds. Clearly, there is more demand than supply for tennis courts. In addition, many tennis courts around the city are in states of disrepair, and have large cracks, making them a hazard and undesirable to play on. Other courts do not have lights or poor lighting, making them unusable during the peak after work hours for most of the year.

Given the existing lack of usable tennis courts in SF, and the high demand for the remaining courts, I think it is the wrong decision to convert Stern Grove courts to pickleball courts. Can the focus be shifted to creating more courts, perhaps as new developments-- or repairing and upgrading courts that can serve as mixed use?

I support the Tennis Coalition SF's point of view:

1. Opposes converting tennis courts to pickleball courts
2. Seeks a collaborative process with SF Rec & Parks and the Pickleball community to develop a long term plan for outdoor racquet sports in SF
3. Opposes ad hoc, one-by-one decisions
4. Believes that outdoor racquet sports can and should work together for the common good

Thank you,

Calvin Chang

62 Sycamore St Unit C

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**From:** [Eun Young Lee](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 1:38:32 PM

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Hello,

As an avid tennis and pickleball player I'd like to see the Stern Grove courts to remain tennis courts with pickleball lines drawn.

It is already difficult to get tennis courts in the City and limiting those two courts solely to pickleball will make it more difficult to play tennis for all.

I would also like to see set times set aside for pickleball in the mornings when most pickleball play occurs and the afternoons open to tennis players.

Also, someone suggested that the covered water reservoirs might be a great place to add dedicated pickleball courts. Could something like that be researched to put unused land to use?

Thank you for your work on this matter that is a very passionate concern for avid players like me.

Sincerely,

Eun Young Lee

**From:** [Vicky Perez](#)  
**To:** [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts - please do not convert  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 1:23:31 PM

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Hello SF Recreation and Park leaders,

I'm writing to express my strong support for keeping the Stern Grove tennis courts available to tennis players.

I was not able to personally attend the recent community meeting due to family obligations. However, as an active tennis player who values access to public courts, it's important that I express my concern about the serious consideration for converting the Stern Grove courts to pickle ball only courts. Please do not sacrifice the existing tennis courts. Instead, I encourage you to consider the option of using the large flat area in Stern Grove, currently used by dog walkers, to **create separate, dedicated courts for pickle ball (near Vale Ave)**. Furthermore, the existing parking lot facilitates access.

Thank you for your attention,  
Vicky Perez

**From:** [Chris Baird](#)  
**To:** [Summers, Ashley \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove tennis courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 4:40:29 PM

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Ms. Summers,

I am resending this email today because of the upcoming community meeting this Wednesday at the fair building. Please stop the ad hoc

June 15, 2021

City and County of San Francisco  
Recreation and Parks Commission  
Mark Buell, President

Dear Mr. Buell;

These are my comments regarding the public tennis courts located along Sloat Blvd. in Stern Grove, and the Recreation and Parks Department sign posted at the courts.

As a tennis player I was thrilled to have these beautiful courts resurfaced. Shortly thereafter lines were added to make it also a pickleball court (I assume by Rec and Parks.). Then the courts were dominated by pickleball players.

It appears that the reservation system is being misused by this group. They have been reserving the tennis courts but in reality they are using them to play pickleball. They also have not been following the posted rules regarding length of play.

It is confusing to me why the sign posted at the court regarding the changes stated "Group play is expected to start on June 14, 2021." Group play has been happening seven days a week for many months. It would be helpful to know what other tennis courts will be converted and how and who made the decision. It appears converting these two tennis courts for this pickleball group has been in the works for over a year. This is not a fair way to go about creating pickleball courts.

Thank you,  
Christine Baird

**From:** [Sally Brien Holper](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 6:13:13 PM

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Dear Members of the Recreation and Parks Committee,

Last night I had dinner with a group of women that I have known for the last 15 years. How did I meet these five women whom I now call friends? I met them playing tennis through the San Francisco Recreation and Parks program, playing socially and then on USTA teams out of Golden Gate Park and other tennis facilities. My husband and I could not afford tennis club membership dues while raising our four children in San Francisco, so access to public courts and SFRPD programming was important for our family.

These women along with many other tennis friends have been a wonderful support, both emotionally and financially to me and my young adult children especially over the last four years after my husband suddenly became paralyzed after a spontaneous medical incident. Tennis has become an important outlet for me and my family after a devastating life event.

As a San Francisco resident since 1985 raising four children with my husband in the City, a homeowner, and avid tennis player since the early 2000's, I was disappointed to hear that the pickleball community is making demands on the Recreation and Parks Dept for the Stern Grove Tennis Courts to be turned into permanent pickleball courts.

What has the pickleball community contributed to recreation in San Francisco for the building of permanent pickleball courts? Has the pickleball community raised funds or supported underserved communities in any way?

As a former boys and girls high school tennis coach at University and Sacred Heart Cathedral for five years, a SFRPD tennis instructor, a USTA Junior Coach, and supporter of the YTA and TLC programs, I have seen the importance of the game of tennis in the formation of young children and teens in building confidence and skills needed for lifelong success. The availability and accessibility of tennis courts for after school was becoming an issue when I last coached high school tennis in 2018 after the San Francisco State University Tennis Courts were phasing out public use.

During the Goldman Tennis Center fundraising campaign which my husband and I supported and continue to support financially, I observed the pickleball community's pushback and lack of participation in moving the project forward. Without any effort on the part of the pickleball community, Co-Chairs, Martha Ehrenfeld and Lois Salisbury and the Tennis Coalition team raised the 30M for the GTC which includes five permanent pickleball courts.

As a final note, capitulating to the pickleball community's demands on the Stern Grove Tennis Courts seems to be a slippery slope to the takeover of San Francisco tennis courts in the future. With the importance of recreation to the young and old alike in an urban setting, we must work collaboratively to make all types of sporting options available to the community.

Thank you for your time!

Kind regards,

Sally

*Sally Brien Holper*

*San Francisco, CA 94127*

**From:** [lucia choi](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:27:23 PM

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Dept of Recreation and Parks

Recreation and Parks Commission

Via email: [recpark.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:recpark.commission@sfgov.org)

November 2, 2022

Dear Honored Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

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The Recreation and Parks Department must provide a master plan which addresses the needs for space for all sports in San Francisco rather than doing piecemeal

conversions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Lucia Choi

**From:** [Elizabeth Matzner](#)  
**To:** [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Seth Socolow](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:15:34 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Stern Grove Tennis Courts serve the tennis community, and I vehemently oppose them to be replaced with pickleball courts.

TAKING AWAY recreational spaces to make room for a different recreational activity is atrocious and sets a horrible precedent that the City must LOSE one recreational space to accommodate including another.

If San Francisco wants pickle ball courts, how about SF government officials go hit up those corporate real estate developers who have been buying up recreational spaces for years, which they then demolish and replace with office buildings and large biotech campus monstrosities.

Ask them to create pickleball courts on a portion of one of their recreational graveyards.

The local government has already failed the large San Francisco tennis community by negligently allowing the demolition of the historic San Francisco Tennis Club.

The 645 5th Street at Brannan SFTC structure should have been a PROTECTED building with a HISTORICAL PRESERVATION status based on its historical legacy alone, not to mention that it functioned as the only indoor tennis facility in the entire Bay Area, serving so many purposes beneficial to the City and it's residents of all ages.

You can see for yourself at the link below, the overwhelming number of individuals who showed up for the Planning Commission Board of Appeals Meeting last year regarding Alexandria Real Estate's attempt to delete an entire tennis club from their building proposal (that they are contractually obligated to build), each player making their case as to why the absence of these courts is so SIGNIFICANT:

<https://www.aredestroytenniscommunities.com/2021/12/board-of-appeals-video-of-incredible.html>

So, it's incredibly tone-deft and truly appalling that somehow San Francisco is proposing to destroy even MORE tennis courts.

Stop this already, tennis is one of the last good things this City has going for it.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth

**From:** [Dyoung1131](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:49:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [Dept of Recreation and Parks.pdf](#)

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Please see below.

Thank you,

Doris Young  
296 Union Street  
San Francisco, CA 94133

**From:** [Mark Britschgi](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 8:05:04 PM

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Please do not convert the courts at Stern Grove from tennis to pickle ball! I am an avid tennis player and am aware the City continues to lose tennis courts at a time when our sport is growing. Please consider alternatives to accommodate the fast growing sport of pickle ball besides taking needed tennis courts away!!

Thanks,

Mark Britschgi  
San francisco Resident

**From:** [Paul Bruschera](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 4:36:07 PM

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To All:

As a home owner in Lakeside and a tennis player, I want you to keep the Tennis Courts at Stern Grove for tennis.

Thank you,

Paul Bruschera

San Francisco, CA 94132  
Cell

**From:** [ruth tatum](#)  
**To:** [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 1:59:58 PM

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October 31, 2022

Hello Beverly, Dana and Parks and Rec Commission,

I understand that there is an increased demand for sports courts of all types these days, but I don't agree that it makes sense to sacrifice any of the few remaining public tennis courts to fill that need, including Stern Grove's tennis courts. I play regularly at Goldman Tennis Center and was involved in supporting the project financially and as a volunteer. Tennis players gave up several courts at this new facility to accommodate pickleball courts.

When unable to play at Goldman Tennis Center, reserving courts on the Spotery reservation system is often difficult. I believe there is plenty of unused space within our park system (and beyond) to create new courts for those who would like them. I've noted spaces not only within Stern Grove proper, but throughout the city, that could accommodate new racquet/paddle sports without converting existing tennis courts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ruthanne Tatum  
SF resident and tennis player

**From:** [Sayuri Sharper](#)  
**To:** [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 8:37:43 AM

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Dear members of the SF Recreation and Parks Department,

I am an avid tennis player and previously a member of SF Tennis Club which donated substantial sum to SF to resurface the public courts which required repair. Because land is so expensive, there are only limited number of public courts and as a member of the SF community, I was very pleased that we can help provide more usable tennis courts for the public. Tennis is a great recreational sport, played by people of all ages to stay fit and build friendship.

I was saddened when I heard that the recreation department is considering converting Stern Grove Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts. I think it's great that pickleball has become popular, getting more people to exercise and have fun. However, there is no need to pit pickleball players against tennis players. We can all share, and the way to share is to resurface the courts as hybrid tennis/pickleball courts. The department can increase available pickleball courts without reducing tennis courts and disappoint those of us who are avid tennis players who contributed significant sum of money to the City to revitalize these public courts. Hybrid courts are win-win for everyone and show that there is no reason to pick winners and losers.

Sincerely,  
Sayuri Sharper  
San Francisco Resident

**From:** [Michael Purnell](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Sunday, October 30, 2022 9:22:49 PM

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I oppose the permanent conversion of the Stern Grove Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts. I do not oppose the addition of pickleball striping to the tennis courts, but would like to see them resurfaced as hybrid tennis/pickleball courts. The SFRPD need to recognize that both tennis and pickleball are alive and well in San Francisco and a master plan needs to be put in place to accommodate both sports.--

Best regards, Michael

City Hall Area, San Francisco, CA

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**From:** [Betty Louie](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark / REC](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Sunday, October 30, 2022 1:09:26 PM

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Recreation and Park Commission of San Francisco  
Via email: [recpark.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:recpark.commission@sfgov.org)

October 30, 2022

Dear Honored Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

As a decades long tennis player, I would like to offer an alternative to the full and permanent conversion of the Stern Grove Tennis Courts to pickleball courts.

Please be reminded that the San Franciscans For Sports and Recreation (SFFSR) donated **\$108,000.00** to resurface those courts only to have the courts flooded by a water main failure. Currently, there is an insurance claim to provide money to resurface those courts. I would not want this insurance money to be used for anything other than what it was originally intended for.

I do not oppose the addition of pickleball striping to the tennis courts, but would suggest that they be resurfaced as hybrid tennis/pickleball courts.

If the popularity of pickleball continues to grow in the future, then it would be incumbent upon the pickleball community to find land that would be solely dedicated to their game, just as there are dedicated golf courses, dedicated tennis courts, dedicated swimming pools and dedicated basketball courts.

The Recreation and Parks Department must provide a master plan which addresses the needs for space for all sports in San Francisco rather than doing piecemeal conversions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Betty Louie  
Tennis Player  
Member, SFFSR  
Active Community Member

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**From:** [Michael Lynch](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 9:02:45 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I understand that there is an increased demand for sports courts of all types these days, but I don't agree that it make sense to sacrifice any of the few remaining public tennis courts to fill that need. I believe there is plenty of unused space within our park system (and beyond) to create new courts for those who would like them. I've noted spaces not only within Stern Grove proper, but throughout the city, that could accommodate new racquet/paddle sports without converting existing tennis courts.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Michael

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Michael A. Lynch

209-601-2218

**From:** [Sam Bradley](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 10:55:40 AM

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Please do not cover that tennis courts at Stern Grove into pickleball courts, but rather find way to add pickle courts in addition to tennis courts. There should be room for both and not the development of one over the other. Thank you very much for your consideration...

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**From:** [kamal kishorre](#)  
**To:** [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Saturday, December 3, 2022 3:08:30 PM

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Hello,

I am a fan of outdoor exercise and social sports. However, an adhoc sport cannot just take over existing facilities and that too of an international stature.

Why can't pickleball be played on basketball courts if you have the nets? Food for thought

If I invent an adhoc ball sport tomorrow, can I take over NFL/MLB fields? Like for e.g. Throwball or Kickball etc?

It is in the best interest of everyone to get/build pickleball space and not encroach other existing popular facilities.

Thanks,  
Kamal.

**From:** [William Gibson](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove Tennis/Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 11:39:19 AM

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All-

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed conversion of Stern Grove tennis courts to pickleball courts, as well as my concern with the nature of short- and long-term planning for tennis and pickleball facilities generally.

While it's undeniable that interest and participation in pickleball has grown rapidly over the last several years, and that facilities for pickleball should be provided, it's also undeniable that in absolute terms, participation in recreational tennis has grown significantly more than participation in pickleball. While San Francisco-specific numbers are unavailable, at the national level tennis has added at least twice as many new players than has pickleball in the last two to three years, and it is unlikely that SF's experience is significantly different. While in percentage terms, pickleball's growth is extraordinarily large, this is from a small base; between 2019 and 2022 pickleball grew from an estimated 3-4 million to more than 5 million players nationally, while recreational tennis added **6.9 million** new players in 2020 alone.

At the same time that growth in tennis has surged, San Francisco has permanently lost a not-insignificant number of both private and public tennis courts, prior to any pickleball conversions. The supply of tennis courts has been reduced at exactly the same time that demand has grown substantially. This is the context in which the Recreation and Parks Department has 1) pursued a strategy of converting full-time tennis facilities to shared tennis and pickleball space and 2) is pursuing a strategy of permanent conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts.

I am in no way opposed to pickleball as a sport, nor do I think pickleball facilities should not be provided. However, I think a policy of sacrificing tennis courts to provide pickleball courts is reactive and short-sighted, and not the type of carefully considered recreational policy that San Francisco deserves.

Recreational land use planning should be at minimum based on some empirical analysis of short- and long-term recreational needs, and a careful balancing of the demand for different recreational uses with the supply of facilities. This does not seem to be the approach that has been taken by the Recreation and Parks Department to date. While it is understandable that the Department is responding to a very vocally expressed interest on the part of pickleball

players for facilities to meet their recreational needs, to convert tennis courts to meet this demand, without taking into account the existing and growing need for tennis facilities, and the already-existing shortfall, is a counterproductive strategy that seems guaranteed to increase conflicts between these uses.

There are, to put it bluntly, many, many more (voting, tax-paying) tennis players in San Francisco than there are pickleball players, and obtaining public courts is already a widely-recognized difficulty. Certainly, the Recreation and Parks Department has the spotery data to confirm this difficulty. It is unambiguously a continual challenge for tennis players to find space to play, and any reduction of courts will further exacerbate the difficulty.

I am strongly opposed to the conversion of the Stern Grove tennis courts in particular, and to **any** permanent conversion of tennis courts to other uses of any kind. In particular, it is premature to pursue permanent conversion of tennis courts to meet the needs of a sport whose popularity is very new, and for which long-term and lasting demand is entirely unpredictable. Pickleball may well experience continued growth and continued long-term popularity-- or like many other sports that surged in popularity in the past, it may not.

The Department should create entirely new facilities for both tennis and pickleball, to meet the unprecedented recent growth in demand for both sports-- not pit one against the other, to the inevitable detriment of both.

Thanks and best,

William Gibson  
SF, CA

**From:** [Laura Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stern Grove  
**Date:** Monday, October 31, 2022 10:37:04 AM

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Hello Recreation and Park Commissioners,

I am writing to express that I am AGAINST turning Stern Grove into permanent pickleball courts. It's in the best interest of all court players (tennis and pickleball) to have the courts available for both types of play or it should be go back to what it originally was (two tennis courts that were used all the time).

Before they were demolished, the tennis courts at Stern Grove were named the "Frances McAteer Tennis Courts." Frances was a native San Franciscan who served on the SF Park & Recreation Commission for 21 years. As someone who knew her, I believe she would be strongly against turning the courts named in her honor into pickleball-only courts.

Since I believe in offering solutions when possible, in terms of the "Stern Grove part of town," could you please consider the following:

- There is space at Rolph Nicol Jr. Park for a pickleball court(s). As someone who utilized this area for years with my children, I can attest to the fact that it's extremely underutilized and would be a wonderful location for pickleball.
- There is space to make two pickleball courts on the grass at 19th Ave. between Vicente and Wawona (Carl Larsen Park).
- There is a large, flat space in Stern Grove that is accessible via Vale Ave. that is currently being used as a walking and dog park. As someone who walked my dog in this space for three years, I can attest to the fact that it's a very large area that can be easily split for dog use and two to four pickleball courts. And, as a bonus, there's a parking lot.
- There is space on top of the Merced Manor Reservoir and the Sutro Reservoir available for pickleball. I have played tennis on top of the Sutro Reservoir; it's definitely possible to put courts on top of a reservoir.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura Kelly  
SF Native and Current Resident

**From:** [CARA BALLARD](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stop destroying tennis  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 6:55:15 PM

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Hello,

I would like to add my voice in opposition to the using tennis courts to accommodate pickleball. It's not because a new trendy sport comes along that you get to destroy another. Painting pickleball lines on tennis courts is already so wrong and annoying for tennis players, but now you want to take over and transform tennis courts to pickleball??? So outrageous. No to Stern Grove courts being transformed. Build your own courts and stop taking over the city's tennis courts.

This is outrageous.

Thanks for adding my voice in opposition for the Nov 3rd meeting.

Cara

**From:** [BB](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Frances McAteer tennis courts at Stern Grove  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:37:14 PM

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Hi SFRPD and PUC leadership:

I play tennis multiple times per week in SF and have played at the McAteer courts at Stern Grove. Almost anytime I could get a court reservation there via Spotery. The competitive demand for SF tennis courts with and without lights is incredibly high right now. Possibly never higher it feels. Many of the decent courts in SF are reserved daily at 8am on Spotery within seconds.

As the Stern Grove flood reconstruction work project is almost complete, it seems I need to write to you in complete support of the McAteer tennis courts being rebuilt as planned. The shared tennis/ pickleball courts were here before the Stern Grove flood happened along and this is how it should be again. The idea that the Stern Grove courts could/ would be taken away from San Francisco's thriving tennis community is hard to understand and seems wrong and unfair since we are already currently sharing many courts w/ the SF Pickleball community. And the shiny and new Louis Sutter Playground Pickleball Complex just opened in August 2021.

For historical consideration, the Francis McAteer tennis courts at Stern Grove were dedicated to an enthusiastic tennis player, supporter, and a 21 year member of the SFRPD Commission. For this reason as well, I am firmly against the proposed dedicated pickleball courts being located at the McAteer/ Stern Grove courts. While I'm sure that Mrs. McAteer would not want to keep people from having access to pickleball courts, I doubt she would want tennis courts named in her honor to be rebuilt w/ the exclusion of tennis in mind.

I would note that there are plenty of unused tennis courts around the city that should be considered for conversion to pickleball in the coming years. Spotery data could most likely tell you which tennis courts are the least used among the courts in the Spotery system. I would propose a few more dedicated pickle ball courts at select, not all of the places listed below. Of course, what they want is the immediacy of the opportunity that the McAteer courts at Stern Grove present. And, to this I say they already have access to dedicated, shared, and indoor courts for Pickleball of which I am sure everyone on this email is well aware.

From my personal experience, there are plenty of Spotery tennis courts that need repairs or updates so perhaps 2 pickleball courts at 1-2 other locations would suffice the pickleball folks but their behavior towards the McAteer courts at SG feels more like an opportunistic and well-timed SFRPD land grab. Rebuild what was there and then find other court locations that can have dedicated pickleball courts installed.

A few location examples to consider and compare SPotery rsvp data against.

- Crocker Amazon 3 courts (need updated lighting and resurfacing)



Minnie & Lovie - 2 courts (need updated lighting and resurfacing)  
Larsen Playground - single court (massive cracks/ need resurfacing)  
Maybe 1 court at Parkside - 4 courts (massive cracks/ need resurfacing)

Thank you,  
Brian Bowen  
San Francisco 94122

**From:** [Christiane Parker](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tennis courts  
**Date:** Monday, November 28, 2022 7:53:15 AM

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The tennis courts should be preserved at Sigmund Stern Grove. Pickle ball has no right to exclusive rights.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [LOIS ANNE INDORF](#)  
**To:** [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tennis Courts at Stern Grove  
**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 9:28:41 AM

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Dear Park Commission, Ms. Ketcham and Supervisor Ng,

I understand that the pickleball community would like a pickleball center and has focused their desires on the site of destroyed tennis courts at Stern Grove. I am opposed to this usurping of tennis courts to make a picklball facility and would like to see the tennis courts restored at Stern Grove.

I would like to see a pickleball center, but not at the expense of the tennis community. I would suggest that pickleball community, tennis community, other racquet sports join with SFRPD to develop a long term plan for raquet sports in the city.

While pickleball has become very popular, tennis remains popular and has increased in numbers of participants in the last few years. Tennis courts are well used in San Francisco. It would be a disservice to remove more courts from San Francisco inventory. The tennis community has already made concessions to the pickleball community— 5 mini courts at Goldman Tennis Center, lines at Rossi for quick set up of pickleball courts, use of tennis courts at presidio wall for pickleball-- just to name a few. The pickleball community could work with the public and private sectors to do what golf and tennis have done to create wonderful facilities in SF.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Lois Anne Indorf  
650-291-3993

**From:** [Gary Herman](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#); [Ketcham, Dana \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tennis Courts  
**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2022 9:33:51 AM

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Hello,

I understand there is a strong movement to convert tennis courts to full-time pickle courts. While I support pickle ball, as a life long tennis player who continues to play regularly in SF, it is important to retain existing tennis courts and add additional public courts throughout SF. Please ensure plentiful tennis courts in SF for present and future lovers of tennis. Thanks for your consideration.

Best Regards,  
Gary R. Herman, CPA  
(C)

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/garyhermancpa>

**From:** [Susan Ford](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tennis courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022 8:28:19 AM

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Please do NOT take away the tennis courts in Stern Grove.  
There are many tennis courts that still need repair, e.g. Murphy courts, where the money could be better spent!  
You have already sacrificed access to tennis when large gangs take over some locations with little apparent regard for reservation courtesy.  
Please do not convert more courts away from a great social sport!  
Susan Ford  
San Francisco

**From:** [Lily Ho](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tennis is still important  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:51:39 PM

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Dear Honored Members of the Recreation and Parks Commission,

San Franciscans For Sports and Receptions donated **\$108,000.00** to resurface the Stern Grove Tennis Courts only to have the courts flooded by a water main failure. Currently, it is my understanding that FPUC is responsible for the cost to resurface those courts. This money should be used only for what it was originally intended for.

I do not oppose the addition of pickleball striping to the tennis courts. I recommend resurfacing the courts as a hybrid tennis/pickleball court.

The Recreation and Parks Department must provide a master plan which addresses the needs for space for all sports - and for all San Franciscans - rather than doing piecemeal conversions because it feels trendy.

Thank you,

Lily Ho

**From:** [Anton Qiu](#)  
**To:** [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#)  
**Subject:** tennis/pickleball courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:05:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [Ltr to Dept of Recreation and Parks.docx](#)

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