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City of Paso Robles
1000 Spring St.
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Re: Planning for Park and Recreation Facilities

Dear Sirs,

The city has recently been undertaking various extensive studies to plan for the future of the city. Unfortunately, it appears that there is no planning being done for an important element impacting the quality of the city, that being park and recreation facilities. On December 16, 2003 the city adopted the Park and Recreation Element of the General plan. However, almost 5 years after adopting that element, the city has yet to follow through on the plan

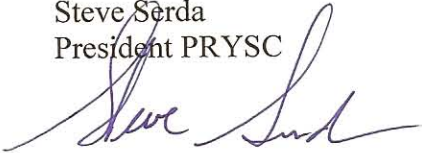
We are asking the city to affirm it's commitment to following the Park and Recreation element of the city's General Plan and take the first step in implementing that planning element. Specifically, we are asking the city to complete "POLICY PR-1B Master Plan" and establishing a working committee within 60 days. As representatives of the majority of organized sports for the youth of our community, the PRYSC is asking to have representation on the committee. We are recommending that the objective, task, and directive of the committee should include identifying both short-term (12 to 24 months) and long-term (Beyond 24 months) goals and endeavors with the objective of presenting specific projects and time-tables (workflow) towards meeting GOAL PR-1 of the Park and Recreation Element. We respectfully request that this issue be put on the city council agenda on the earliest possible date.

It has also been brought to our attention that drafts of both the Town Centre and Uptown Plans would cause Robbins Field and Pioneer Fields to be removed. The PRYSC is in **opposition** to

removing these fields. We already have a shortage of facilities in the city in general and the deliberate reduction in the number of fields would be taking the city in the wrong direction. Additionally, the concept of removing the two remaining recreational facilities on the west side of the city is poor planning. We would like to know how to obtain copies of the plans so that we may review them and also ask to be able to have input into the final drafts of both of these plans. If there are additional public comment hearings or city council meetings where these plans will be addressed, we would like to be notified so we can attend.

Sincerely,

Steve Serda
President PRYSC



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