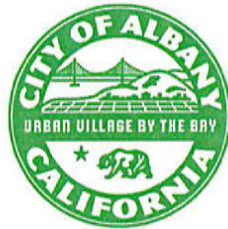


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CITY OF ALBANY, CALIFORNIA



**ALBANY CITY HALL
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ALBANY, CALIFORNIA 94706**

***Item No. 12-1: Work Plan Amendment Request
To Explore Options to Install a Basketball Court
at Memorial Park***

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

From: [REDACTED]
To: citycouncil
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Restoring Basketball at Memorial Park
Date: Monday, January 27, 2020 9:59:28 PM
Attachments: [Petitions for Basketball at Memorial Park.pdf](#)

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Name	Address	Email	Optional Age	If relevant School attending
Rory	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Genevieve morton	1336 portland ave	genevieve.thefox@cornell.edu	10	Cornell elementary
Jillian morton	1336 portland ave	[REDACTED]	10	Cornell
Sarah	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
Rachel Chatman	716 Carmel Ave	rachelv@yahoocom		
Alexis chatman	716 Carmel Ave		12	Arms
2050 Chatman	716 Carmel Ave		7	Cornell
Julian	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Sarah Kelly	704 Carmel Ave		9	Cornell
Francis Kelly	704 Carmel Ave	Francis.Kelly@gmail.com	51	—
Shakei Sugita	704 Carmel Ave.	shakei.sugita@gmail.com	42	—
Ken Ellingboe	610 Curtis St.	KENSELLINGBOE@gmail.com	56	—
Kathy Witkowski	705 Spokane Ave		46	Marin
Yue Li	916 San Pablo Ave.		47	

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Daniel				
Kyan Moran	708 Carmel	the.moran@gmail	13	
Liam Norton	706 Carmel	pirateliam08@gmail.com	11	
George Song	535 pierce	georges19503@gmail.com	16	Albany High
Phoebe McMahon	1129 CURTIS	phoebemcmahon@gmail.com	15	Albany High
Jennifer O'Brien	927 Pomona Ave	obrienjennife-1@gmail.com		
Patt Pope	958 Ordway St.	tp_pope@yahoo.com		
Alexia Ritchie	603 Key Route	aritchie@cusd.k12.ca		
Iris Miranda	1241 SOIANO AVENUE	iris irisange175@gmail.com	OLD 6	n/a

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Jolanka Nickerman	1028 Cornell Ave. Albany	jfn196@gmail.com		kids@Marin
Kathleen Pierce	703 Ramona Ave	kathleen.pierce@gmail.com		
Tara Boyle	719 Evelyn Ave			
Alex Hershner	Elia Norwell St El Cerrito			
Derrick Payne	7614 Lynn Ave El Cerrito			
Sandra Payne	7614 Lynn Ave. El Cerrito			
David Kuo	857 Aileen St	david.kuo@gmail.com		
Emily Abe	857 Aileen St.	Shoemilyabe@hotmail.com		
Kurt H. Harkstra	470 Carolyn Road, Kensington			
Kelly Chin	157 Ardenway Ave El Cerrito			
Sean Souther	17366 Capistrano 94707	7 Budy		Cornell
Janie Bittner	1334 Portland Ave 94704			Cornell
Josh Mohr				
Jacob R. Hater	1332 Portland	Scob. R. Hater 2006	11	Marin

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Vernie Ko	812 Remora Ave	kos.vernie@gmail.com		
Andrea Sprague	1327 Washington Ave	andrea.e.sprague@gmail		
Brian Sprague	1327 Washington Ave	andrea.e.sprague@gmail	10	Cornell
Javier Sprague	1327 Washington Ave	" "	8	Cornell
Judith Tannahill	1331 Washington Ave.			
Kayla Carr	1335 Washington Ave			
Aritz Rotenberg	1341 Washington Ave	amitarotenberg@gmail.com		
Josh Rotenberg	1341 Washington Ave	joshrotenberg@gmail.com		
Matthew Muh	1347 Washington Ave	matthew_muh@hotmail.com		
Elizabeth Muh	1347 Washington Ave	" "	9	Ocean View
Liz Snickland	1407 Page Street Alameda	lizsnickland@gmail.com	32	
Emmett Bates	724 Carmel Ave		11	Cornell
Cleo Bates	724 Carmel Ave		7	Cornell

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Mhairi Scallion	36 Parkview Tor San Pablo CA 94701	mhairiscallion@gmail.com	45	
Scott Richardson	720 Evelyn Ave	scott.richardson@earthlink.net	40	
Sherry	820 Kears Ave	michelle.hovis4@gmail.com	30	
Changming Yu	820 Kears Ave	272502933@qq.com	33	
Michel Chan	1426 Milvia St.	wecha_x84@gmail.com		
Lisa Chase	1426 Milvia St.	lhorvath19@hotmail.com	38	
Emily Burton	718 Camel Ave	et43@hotmail.com		
Alex Joravarstad	516 Ramona Ave	acooper.alex@gmail.com	34	
Kyle Allen	701 Coy Molt Ave	klencasa@gmail.com	35	
Scott Corley	205 Behrens St. El Cerrito	scottcorley2@gmail.com		
Daniel Harrison	8363 Kent Drive	DANHANSOCERE@gmail.com	43	
Janey Brazil	733 Pomona Ave	mbrazil@earthlink.net	60	

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Sashma Magnuson	1330 Portland Ave.	S Magnuson@yahoo.com	57	—
David Apelt	707 Ramona Ave	dryden3@gmail.com	55	—
Rose Apelt	"	rose.apelt@gmail.com	50	—
MATTHEW RINALDI	704 RAMONA AVE	RINALDI@EARTHLINK.NET	72	—
Rachelle Fox	709 Ramona Ave	foxrinaldi@earthlink.net	69	—
Lucas Cohen	811 Ramona Ave	Lucas.Machico@gmail.com	—	AMS
Matthew	729 Santa Fe Ave	—	12	AMS
Alice M. Long	813 RAMONA AVE	—	70	—
Jason Johnson	729 SANTA FE AVE.	jtubrow@gmail.com	49	—
SCOTT COHEN	811 RAMONA AVE	—	57	AMS / MARRIAGE
Paul Paul Rogers	815 RAMONA AVE	—	48	—
Andree Balazs	andreebalazs@yahoo.com	—	—	—

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Allison Masten	625 Adams Albany	allisonmaste@gmail.com	17	AHS
ALEX PARSONS	520 MASONIC AVE.	ALEXPARSONS@GMAIL.COM	16	AHS
NATHAN KUNTZ	2650 SHASTA RD	NATHAN.KUNTZ@ME.COM	44	
Alex Krausz	5040 CREEK AVE, REMOVED	REKZ@FATHO.COM	49	
Melanie Mickelson	716 Madison St.	Melanie.mickelson@gmail.com	38	
Sharon Eberhardt	1531 Poser Ave, Albany ^{CA} 94706	sharon.eberhardt@yahoo.com	50	
Anthony Godwin	917 Key Route Blvd Albany	antgo@gmail.com	31	
Lisa Karp		fathead@hotmail.com	32	
Alexandre Linaer		alex@ellumex.com	31	
Anna Lina Bard	732 Madison Albany	annalina.linaer@berkeley.edu	45	Marin
Koji Mana	755 Colusa Ave Sacramento		66	
Judith Florig	758 Alvington Berkeley	florigjudith@berkeley.edu	83	
Nat James	504 Key Route Blvd.	natjames@yahoo.com	16	AHS

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE; citycouncil](#)
Subject: Letter of support.
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 4:53:56 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Dear City Council and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission,

My name is Terry Georgeson, and as the Principal of Oceanview Elementary School, I strongly support increasing the recreation options at Memorial Park by converting one of the four (4) tennis courts into a basketball court.

As you may know, Oceanview Elementary students will soon be relocated and attend school at Albany High School including the portables recently located near the Aquatic Center at Memorial Park starting February 24, 2020.

At the Oceanview campus, we currently have 2 full basketball courts and ample blacktop space. We plan on having a few options for recreation such as the play structure on Memorial park and the small space we have along the side of the portables. However, once at Albany High, we will be unable to offer basketball as an option. Basketball is a very popular activity and part of our PE program.

In addition, students regularly use the basketball courts during recess and lunch. So, it would greatly benefit our student community if they could continue to have a space made available for basketball and do not lose this opportunity with our relocation. Our students would be thrilled if more recreation options were offered to them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,

Terry
Home of the Otters!

Terry Georgeson, Principal
Ocean View Annex Grades 1st & 2nd
601 San Gabriel Ave, Albany, CA.
(510) 558-4803

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [citycouncil](#)
Subject: Re: Restoring Basketball at Memorial Park
Date: Monday, January 27, 2020 10:51:58 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Please add my name to this letter.

My older daughter is a middle school student and the only thing on her Christmas list she was a basketball so she could meet with friends at the park and shoot baskets. Having a safe place for my middle school daughter (and one in a few years for my younger daughter) to hang out with friends is important to me as a solo mom to two girls. I need to balance the need for my older daughter to spread her wings with the need to keep my second grader close. The loss of this meeting point has made it much more difficult to find the necessary balance. We appreciate anything the city can do to respond to this loss; while we recognize it was not your doing, we understand you have options to respond to this loss and to me and my daughters as your constituents.

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Rachel Chatman

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Restoring Basketball at Memorial Park
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:47 54 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

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From: [Isabelle Leduc](#)
To: [Eileen Harrington](#)
Subject: FW: Basketball Courts at HS
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:02:02 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 4:46 PM
To: PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE <PROSC@albanyca.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Basketball Courts at HS

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Hello Commission,

My 3rd grader is going to move to the HS after winter break. I was concerned about his recess play area and my principal responded to my concerns. In her response, she told me the district is working to get basketball hoops by the new HS Annex.

Who knows if its real but I thought you would like to know the latest on the basketball issue at Memorial.

Warm regards,
Sara