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To: [City Council](#)
Cc: Imtiaz-Ali.kalyan@waterbaord.ca.gov
Subject: Linda Dog Park Piedmont Ca
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 5:40:08 PM

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If there is anyway the community and the city and the Waterboard can work together to save this dog park, let's do it. It's a unique enclosed space where the community really comes together- young and old from all walks of life. It's within walking distance for the retirement and rehabilitation home up the street. Let's put our heads together, think outside of the box and figure out a way to save this beloved space. There's got to be a way to do this.
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From: [Rachael P](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Dog park
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:42:59 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to ask that you please keep Linda Ave dog park open! It's a wonderful space to meet our human and canine community members. There are very few options and this one is shaded with decent parking plus not too dirty nor foxtails. I walk dogs and it's a wonderful resource to get their energy out.

Thanks,
Rachael

Rachael Podesfinski



From: [Alicia Crawford](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Do Not Close Linda Dog Park
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:21:26 PM

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I am unable to attend tonight's meeting so am sending this as my voice and plea:

This is not just a dog park. It is an intergenerational community meeting spot, with a most spectacular, wild, natural environment. It provides peace and brings mental wellness for so many. It offers a walk through nature, unlike anything nearby, offering the chance to bird watch and sit on the benches and take in the sights and sounds- it's distance from the noise of the town and traffic makes it especially meditative.

It allows the dogs to socialize as well as the people We are both creatures who need high amounts of socializing - even us introverts- and an opportunity to roam free and enrich ones's senses, dogs and people alike.

I encourage you, city council, to deepen your commitment to the health and wellness of your community, and support the benefits of having access to this particular park. Data show when humans spend time in nature, all of our health markers improve. This park brings people and dogs together, yes. And it offers a guaranteed improved health and wellness for the surrounding community .

Please find a third pathway solution to keep this open. Closing it seems to be a very narrow solution and one that will have unfortunate, adverse affects on your constituents. I have faith in your creativity amd commitment to the civic well being of your people. Thank you.

Alicia Crawford

From: [Dave Hsu](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Piedmont homeowner in favor of Linda park
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:35:47 PM

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We are homeowners and community members. We absolutely have to deal with the water boards concerns but closing the park is a draconian action.

I'd like to see a robust discussion on how we find a less drastic solution.

Thank you

David Hsu 

From: [Marcia Lane](#)
To: [Patsie Kao](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); [John Kao](#); [David Lane \(Marcia's Husband - 327 Bonita \)](#); [Michael A. Gardner](#); [Holly Gardner](#); [Luke Schloegel](#); [Heidi Schloegel - 319 Bonita Neighbor](#); [Jeni \(Gardner \) Roberts](#); [Daniel Roberts](#); [Rachel Asa](#); [Daniel Gonzales](#)
Subject: Re: Civic Center Parking
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 5:40:56 PM

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Thank you Patsie.

City Counsel and Staff members,

I also agree that the brunt of the city parking issues has been laid upon the Bonita Avenue residents unfairly, and should be more fairly distributed to Hillside, Oakland, Highland, Craig, Mountain, Magnolia, Piedmont Ct, and the 200 blocks of Bonita and Hillside. Michael Gardener in an email to fellow residents said the discussion of turning Bonita into a 1- way street is the most dangerous proposal he's seen in the city during his 30+ years of residency, and I have to agree.

A 1- way street with cars backing up into oncoming traffic, while students and parents are late to school is an extremely dangerous proposition. I've seen many near misses with children in the short time we've lived here; with the addition of people backing up from a diagonal spot into oncoming traffic will inevitably end with a child getting hit, if not one of our own children.

There has also been no discussion about how to manage 1 way traffic at the corner of Bonita and Oakland, which already backs up 8+ cars deep on a regular basis. Will you add a street light here?

We leave our house at about 8:35 every morning to take our children to preschool; we are late taking them to school every day because we have to wait until after the drop off period ends. When we return at just before 9am, there are many open parking spaces on Bonita and Oakland daily. There isn't necessarily a parking issue on Bonita, it's that people are late and feel the need to park within 1 block of where they're going, all at the same time. There are regularly spots available if you wait 15 min past peak times.

My understanding is that the drive for more parking is due to the new pool. Additionally, my understanding is there is a contract due to be awarded in May for restriping of parking and streets in the Civic Center. I formerly request that in addition to more fairly distributing the parking burden to the surrounding neighborhoods, that any discussion of changing Bonita to a 1 way street with diagonal parking be shelved until the 43 anticipated parking spaces along the pool/ Bonita block be reopened following construction, and parking be reevaluated after people have adjusted their habits. A rush to add this change just because a restriping contract is due is extremely short sided and potentially dangerous.

It is not an unreasonable request that city employees and teachers walk 1-3 blocks from their car to their workplace. We have 1 spot in front of our house and we never have parking available for our visitors or anyone to come visit or work on our house. We often walk 2-3

blocks ourselves to park in our own neighborhood; asking city employees and teachers to do the same is only fair.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marcia Lane
[REDACTED]

On Mon, Apr 21, 2025, 4:41 PM Patsie Kao <hellopatsie@gmail.com> wrote:

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Beautiful letters. Thank you so so much
Michael

Michael A. Gardner 高德迈

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Sent from my IBM Selectric Typewriter

On Apr 21, 2025, at 5:40 PM, Marcia Lane <marcia.berchenko@gmail.com> wrote:

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